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Since Waldenbooks closed in January, local readers are on the search for a new store to fulfill their literary needs around the Bowling Green area.

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Do you think the University's shuttle buses are over-crowded?

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**SARAH JEAN WON,**  
Junior, Interpersonal communication

"No, at the time they're not. It depends on the weather." | **Page 4**

WEATHER

**TODAY**  
Rain  
High: 45, Low: 32

**TOMORROW**  
Showers  
High: 38, Low: 27

# Painting a picture of the city

Students work to finish a mural of Bowling Green by May

By **Kyle Reynolds**  
Reporter

Three University art students hope to complete a 350-foot long mural they have been working on since summer by May.

The project has been met with some adversity. Originally the students and their

instructor, Greg Mueller, thought the project could be completed by Homecoming in October, but the project is still under construction.

"This is being done entirely by the volunteerism of three students and an instructor with very little additional resources," Mueller said.

The project started as part of

Mueller's ARTS 401 class. The class was broken into three small groups, with each group having to design a proposal to enhance the intersection of Poe and North College.

The group that won consisted of Megan Small and Steve Williams, who are both seniors, and Jason Karas, junior, who have been

working on the project since the summer.

During the summer, the group toured the city of Bowling Green and took pictures of people in the community working and living their everyday lives.

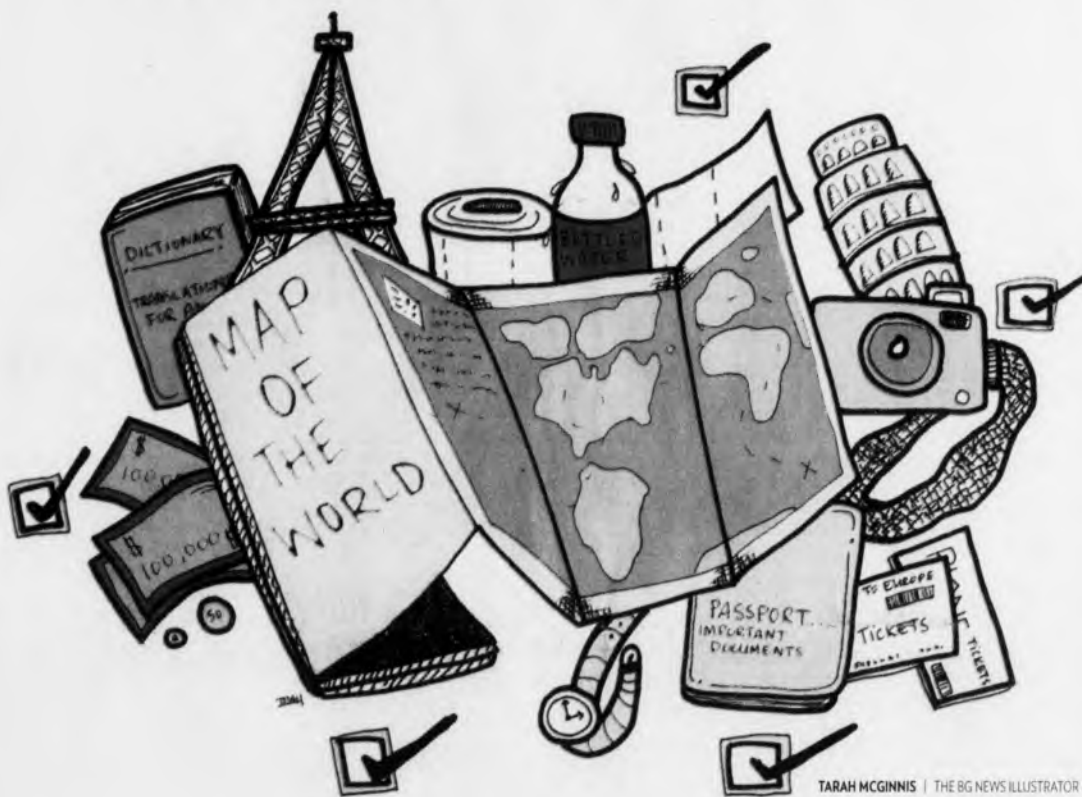
The mural features silhouettes of the photographed people on the wall with a centerpiece of the

Great Black Swamp.

"I designed the central area of the wall, which depicts the Great Black Swamp," Karas said. "It incorporates over 20 hidden animals arranged throughout the center. This is in the center because we believe it is the foundation of the

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# Mapping out travel plans



TARAH MCGINNIS | THE BG NEWS ILLUSTRATOR

## CULTURE TRAITS

Before you leave for a foreign country, it's good to do a little bit of research into the country's customs and traditions. If you are traveling to any of these countries, these would be a few good points to remember.

**Mexico:** There is a very relaxed approach to meeting times outside of the business world. Be prepared for your Mexican friends to not be on time.

**China:** Most bathrooms are holes in the ground, there is no toilet paper and some charge admission. There are a few with porcelain basins and running water, and these will increase in Beijing because of the 2008 Olympics. Find bathrooms in department stores, hotels and Western fast food restaurants to use instead. Don't be afraid of stares. Few Westerners are seen in rural areas, and you are a tourist sight to them.

Source: Let's Go China, Japan, Mexico and Eastern Europe

## PREPARATION TIPS

### Before you go:

- Get a passport if flying in or out of the country
- Tell family and friends where you will be
- Make copies of important documents — one set for yourself and one for your family

Register with the U.S. Department of State at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/home.asp>



# Going abroad requires research

By **Alison Kemp**  
Features Editor

Students may think spring break is all fun and games, but going to another country is a whole different story. Without making some basic safety preparations and learning a little bit about the destination country are visiting, the fun may be lost.

In fact, different laws and different customs can make or break a trip.

Journalism Associate Professor Catherine Cassara is taking students on an annual trip to France for an international media seminar at The American University of Paris. In preparation for the trip, Cassara had Nicole Anderson, interim director of study abroad, speak with applicable students about preparations for going abroad.

Spanish professor Valeria Grinberg Pla also had Anderson speak to her class, which is going to Xalapa, Mexico, for a community service trip.

In Paris, the main problems have been a purse left behind on the metro, a dropped passport and someone being separated from the group, said Cassara who has led students on this particular trip three times.

All of these situations worked out fine, she said.

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# Buildings to conserve energy

By **Alexandria Clark**  
Senior Reporter

The BGSU Office of Design and Construction is making it key to upgrade buildings for energy conservation performance, while planning to shape performance use of environmental sustainability for new buildings.

There are 40 campus buildings on the energy audit list to be improved, such as for window replacements, heating and cooling and system controls and mechanical upgrades.

"Some of the buildings are University Hall, Hanna Hall, West Hall, McFall Center, Olscamp and the Administration building that need to be improved," said Bob Boucher, senior project manager.

Boucher said when putting a building on the energy audit list they look at each building and assess if it will be a reasonable payback because of the money that is put into the renovation.

"We look at the energy that is saved, how much energy is saved, and then if it can be paid back ideally between two to 12 years," Boucher said. "Laborers talk about a number of costs of things that they would think would be a big payback."

But Boucher said many people think lighting is a big payback, but it's not, because the costs are very high when replacing light fixtures.

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# Mac Dining Hall gets a makeover

By **Freddy Hunt**  
Reporter

Future McDonald and Offenbauer residents will have to choose between growing stomachs and sore legs. A \$13 million renovations proposal for McDonald Dining Hall has been approved, with construction planned for May 2008 to January 2010.

Besides a crumbling infrastructure, the 45-year-old dining hall no longer caters to the demands of the students, said Gail Finan, director of dining services.

"The old fashioned three line cafeteria system isn't what students want anymore," Finan said. "We have to come up with a design that is flexible, so we can roll with what the students want and provide them with more options."

McDonald residence hall will not be physically impacted by the renovations, but the residents of Offenbauer and McDonald will have to find a new place to grab a meal.

Nancy Joseph, associate director of dining services, said the Food Advisory Board has formed a sub-committee to address feeding the students that will be housed in McDonald and Offenbauer.

More grab-and-go options at temptations, dining shuttles for McDonald and Offenbauer resi-

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# City works overtime to clear streets of snow

By **Gina Potthoff**  
Reporter

As a result of the blizzard that hit Bowling Green a couple weeks ago, mounting snow piles needed to be moved out of the middle of the streets.

The snow was blocking the turn lanes and making visibility

difficult for many drivers.

The city's public works employees sprang into action, working 12-hour shifts to clear the snow from noon on Feb. 13 until 4 p.m. on Feb. 17.

Director of Public Works William Blair said their course of operation was to first get the roads open; second, to get the

snow out of parking lots; and lastly to remove access snow from residential areas.

The entire operation took 94 hours. All together, 24 full-time and part-time public works employees and three supervisors put in 798 hours of overtime. This would have cost the city \$21,654.76, had all the employ-

ees taken overtime pay.

With the cost of the salt, the city spent an additional \$14,892.50 on 350 tons, paying \$42.55 per ton.

The snow was moved to the Wood County Fairgrounds parking lot, since it was the shortest

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## BLOTTER TUESDAY

12:33 A.M.

A complainant reported someone harassing her on the phone.

12:54 A.M.

Joshua A. Bloomingdale was cited for possession of alcohol and drug paraphernalia and Michael W. Noll was cited for drug possession of alcohol.

7:16 A.M.

Man warned for disorderly conduct after he was reported pacing and shouting outside an East Wooster Street store.

8:03 A.M.

Rear driver side quarter panel and tail light of a vehicle parked in the Wal-Mart parking lot on West Gypsy Lane Road reported damaged.

3:09 P.M.

Boy taken to the juvenile detention center on charges of assault after he punched a girl at a West Poe Road school.

5 P.M.

Officials at Meijer on East Wooster Street held three juvenile boys for shoplifting. According to police reports, they were referred to the juvenile prosecutor. Napoleon Road resident reported receiving harassing phone calls describing sexual acts.

9:06 P.M.

Juvenile girl reported being punched by a boy at a Haskins Road school during lunchtime.

11:20 P.M.

Dale A. Baker, 19, of Bowling Green, arrested for inducing panic at a North Grove Street apartment complex after he was reported to have pointed a BB gun at his brother and then threatened suicide.

11:56 P.M.

Daniel A. Bonecutter, 30, of Bowling Green, arrested for disorderly conduct after he was reported laying in Lot 4.

## WEDNESDAY

1:29 A.M.

Caller reported a fight at Court and Church streets. Those involved were gone upon arrival.



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**PICTURE THIS:** Three Bowling Green students are working on a mural showing city scenes and citizens. It's due to be done in May.

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community."

Branching to the left side of the mural is a skyline of local architecture and to the right it flows into a history of the area depicting events like the draining of the Great Black Swamp.

The silhouettes of the people show the community's unity.

"We arranged them in a flow that would show the community working together," Karas said.

The mural also features a wide variety of people in the community.

"The project depicts over 100 individuals from the area including farmers, Freddie Falcon, families, hikers, squir-

rels, school children, a skateboarder, athletes, a sushi chef and much more," Small said.

The mural features two sides, one depicting the campus community and one side the local community.

"College Avenue portrays BG students, faculty and staff," Mueller said. "While, Poe Road will depict community members engaged in their livelihoods. Physically, and symbolically, Poe and College become unified into a structural whole."

The group had to alter plans when they discovered bedrock under the location site.

"Our foundation design had to change midway through due to unpredictable bedrock sediments underground," Mueller said.

Small said the group also had to wait for a long time seeking engineers to draw up plans and to get approval from Wood County building inspectors. It also took a while for supplies like the metal to come in.

The weather also posed some problems for the mural's completion.

"During the winter we couldn't do a lot because the ground was frozen," Small said.

The three-member team hopes to have a ribbon cutting for the mural in early May, any help with labor, landscaping and materials would help make the goal a reality.

"We plan on commending the donors at the ribbon cutting as well as permanently including them within a plaque," Karas said.

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dents, renting the St. Thomas Moore Parish gymnasium and hampton style breakfasts inside the dorms are some of the potential solutions Joseph said have been explored.

Joseph said the Union is not large enough to accommodate the 2,128 students residing in McDonald and Offenbauer, and the students may have to use their legs.

"Students don't want to walk, but they may not have a choice," Joseph said. "The customer wants convenience but we may not be able to provide them with that. Will the students take the walk? That's our biggest challenge."

Chris Lewis, freshman McDonald resident, thinks the construction will deter students from living in McDonald and Offenbauer.

"Offenbauer is a desirable place to live because of the size and quality of the rooms, but not without a nearby place to eat at," Lewis said. "Where would students go to get something to eat on campus? The Macateria is the only place on this side of campus besides the Union, and the Union eats up flex funds."

Bob Waddle, vice president of capital planning, said no design for the renovation can be made



PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

**UPGRADE:** This overhead aerial shows the current view of the McDonald Dining Hall. The planned expansion will come into the same area as Offenbauer.

until the program statement is finalized, which could take up to six months.

Besides a kitchen, dining hall and restaurant area, Waddle said he doesn't know what other programs will be included in the renovations.

"We have a very solid feel for

what we want to deal with in terms of the dining area itself, but the real question is what else should be in the area and what else needs to fit with the project, if anything," Waddle said. "We haven't come to that conclusion certainly yet either."

## ENERGY

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As a result the Office of Design and Construction has undergone an energy savings project.

"We pin-pointed around key academic facilities, such as the Administration building, Math and Science building, and Business building, to replace lightning fixtures with some lightning automatic switching occupancy sensors," Boucher said.

Boucher said these sensors will shut off lights completely when a

room is not occupied — saving both energy and money.

Out of the 40 buildings, those constructed in the last ten years — such as Olscamp, East Hall and the Fine Arts building — are considered the "newer older" buildings.

"These newer older buildings need an upgrade and to expand on more elaborate control systems," Boucher said.

The older buildings built beyond ten years include University Hall, Hanna Hall, Commons, Administration building, McFall Center, West Hall, Math and Science building and

the ice arena, which need significant renovation.

These buildings need replacement of windows, lighting and HVAC systems, according to Boucher.

"The reason that replacing windows deals with conserving energy is because you don't want them to leak out air because it lets the heat out in the winter," he said. "But you want the windows to keep the heat out in the summer time."

But hopefully in the next six months, buildings on the energy audit list will be in the process of being analyzed, Boucher said.

The energy audit deals with the improvements on the inside of the buildings, but the Geographical Information System deals with the exterior systems and outside of the buildings such as steam lines, the sewer and electrical systems, said Daniel Lemmerbrock, Data Hub and Resource Center manager.

GIS is a computer system capable of capturing, storing, analyzing and displaying geographically referenced information.

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## TRAVEL

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When she went to the police about the purse, she said they told her, "Of course you'll get it back. This isn't New York."

Health issues

Travelers are instructed to stay together in groups and to be smart such as not drinking excessive amounts while on the trip, Cassara said. Even though the drinking age is lower in France, that does not give underage Americans the right to drink. Students must still follow the University Code of Student Conduct.

Safety is one of the main points Anderson stresses when she makes presentations about traveling abroad. She said travelers need to be aware of local rules and regulations because laws change as borders change. There is also the possibility of sexual abuse and being robbed or mugged, Anderson said.

Anderson also wants students to travel in groups.

"Two people are always safer than one," she said.

Students should also follow their natural instincts. If an area is causing feelings of fear to form, go somewhere else, Anderson said.

When students are in Xalapa, Mexico, Grinberg Pla said there are also health issues students need to know about. For example, tap water in Mexico is not safe for Americans to drink because of bacteria in the water they are not accustomed to.

When eating in a restaurant, students also need to make sure any food they eat has been cooked or if it is something uncooked, that it was not washed with tap water. This bacteria can cause travelers diarrhea, which should last only for a day or so, Grinberg Pla said.

She added that Dr. Glenn Egelman, director and physician in chief at the Student Health Center, spoke to her class and suggested students take a prescription on the trip for travelers diarrhea as a precaution.

Students also need to take protection from the sun and mosquitoes, Grinberg Pla said.

## HOT SPOTS

University Sponsored Spring Break Trips

- London Theatre Experience, March 1-11
- Cityscape and Cultural Memory, March 2-10
- Break Away to Salzburg, March 3-10
- The Impact of Globalization in Mexico, March 3-11
- The Costa Rican Environment, March 3-11
- Paris International Media Seminar, March 7-17

Source: <http://educationabroad.bgsu.edu/index.php?xs=spring>

Grinberg Pla said Egelman told her students to also have a Hepatitis B vaccine before going to Xalapa.

Purchasing the International Student Identity Card, which comes with additional insurance for traveling abroad, is also a good item to have on trips out of the country, Anderson said. The ISIC also secures discounts at many international museums and tourist spots.


Money  
Splitting money up and storing it in different locations is very important, Anderson said.

By keeping money in different places and by having an emergency stash, not all the money can be stolen at once. Having credit cards or travelers checks means someone could still have a means to live, Anderson said. She also suggests arriving at the destination with currency to use immediately.

Money could be bought at a bank, but it is usually not in stock and may require an extra fee, Anderson said. There are also booths in airports that change money, but sometimes for a high fee.





If a student would run out of money or if everything is stolen, money can be wired to the student's location, Anderson said.





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Bridge To Terabithia (PG): (1:00 PM), 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM, (9:35 PM)

Because I Said So (PG-13): (1:10 PM), 4:10 PM, 7:10 PM, (9:55 PM)

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Ghost Rider (PG-13): 3:30 PM, 6:35 PM, 9:35 PM  
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## GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

11 a.m. - 12 a.m.

**Spring Break Specials @ Chily's & Temptations**

Commons

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**SUSHI Thursday**

Choices of SUSHI include: California Roll, California Roll Assortment, California Roll with Tofu Pouch, California Roll with Vegetables,

Vegetable Roll and Wasabi Shrimp.

**Kreischer, Chily's and the Union**

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

**Gordon Food Service/ BGSU Food Sampling****Grand Ballroom B, the Union**

7:30 p.m.

**International Film Series**

The Man Who Left His Will on Film (1970), is a haunting, politically intriguing Japanese film set in 1960s Tokyo. The film, directed by Nagisa Oshima, tells the story of a young leftist who finds the camera of a radical who has leapt to his death while fleeing the police. The 'will and testament' he discovers on film seems meaningless, but begins to obsess him as he retraces the filmmaker's political and erotic past. 93 minutes. This film is free and open to the public.

**Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall**

8 p.m.

**Early Music Ensemble****Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center**

## Stepping out of the box to find the perfect major

By Robert K. Elder  
MCT

CHICAGO — Northwestern University had everything Nick Shultz wanted — except the right degree.

So he designed his own.

Now, the 20-year-old junior is on his way to graduating with a degree in "Criminalistics," a curriculum he mapped out to study law, political science, physical chemistry and psychology.

What does he propose to do with his one-of-a-kind degree?

"I want to do investigative field-work for national-security purposes, high-profile crime cases, especially at the FBI," he says. "They investigate all the national crimes such as serial killers."

Shultz is among a growing number of students who design degrees that stretch convention and by turn, predict emerging cultural trends.

Ten years ago, only 410 interdisciplinary programs — which include "individualized major programs" (IMP), or designer degrees — existed, says William Newell, executive director of the Association for Integrative Studies.

Today, he says, that number has nearly tripled.

The growth in such majors is an acknowledgment of the increased need for people to solve problems using more than one discipline, especially complex social issues," says Stuart Henry, director of the School of Public Administration and Urban Studies at San Diego State University.

## Placing money where their mouth is — where bird flu will strike

By Mike Stobbe  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Think bird flu will become a worldwide threat this summer? Wanna put some money on that?

In an unusual effort to better predict the advance of a potential flu pandemic, public health experts will be staked about \$100 apiece to bet on the spread of bird flu. This type of grim futures market has also been created to predict hurricanes and temporarily, a

few years ago, terrorist attacks.

In this case, the goal is to develop a faster way to collect expert opinion about the potential spread of a deadly disease outbreak.

"Farmers have used futures markets for decades to make decisions about what crops to plant. We're just borrowing that concept to help people in public health and health care make decisions about the future," said Dr. Phil Polgreen, a University of Iowa assistant professor of medicine who helped create the project.



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## Taking football to the snow

**HUT, HUT, HIKE:** Top: Sophomore Josh Peacock smashes into the snow after a successful play. Left: Sophomores Josh Peacock and Ryan McDermott team up to tackle junior Jeff Frain into the snow.

## Keeping corporate bias out of personal Web surfing

By Semira Chowdhury  
Reporter

The Tech Trend Series, put on a presentation on "Why Should We Care About Net Neutrality?" with speaker Alex Curtis, director of policy and new media for Public Knowledge.

According to Curtis, who is from Washington D.C., net neutrality is about whether an Internet service provider can discriminate on the content or applications used. Some providers can limit access by filtering data packets that favor the services ISPs provide.

Curtis works on behalf of consumers and pioneers and through the presentation he aimed to help people understand net neutrality. Issues of net neutrality arise today because the Federal Communications Commission

changed the way it regulates ISPs, he said.

At the end of his presentation, Curtis said if people want to become more involved with net neutrality and impact legislation they should write to Congress members.

"Public knowledge is all about making sure innovators and creators can do what they do best. Net neutrality is critical to the spread of user-generated content and public access to information," he said.

The mission statement of Public Knowledge is to help creators and innovators to know more about how the Internet does not make sense in today's world, according to Curtis. Also, they will have more access to the tools and content provided for them.

He knows about these issues because of his previous experiences in college and in the real world.

"I study these issues in law school and worked on them in Capitol Hill and worked with others in public interest committees," Curtis said.

Ariana Bauman, freshman, believes net neutrality is a power struggle and the Internet is a great technological advance and people want a say in how it is run.

"To me personally net neutrality basically seems to be just a power struggle. The Internet is by far one of our greatest technological advances and everyone wants a say in how it is run," Bauman said.

Louisa Ha, chair of information committee, thought the event was insightful.

"The presentation went very well. He did a good job explaining the issue of net neutrality

## "Net neutrality

basically seems to be just a power struggle."

Ariana Bauman | Freshman

and why we need to be concerned about it," Ha said.

The event took place in the Union yesterday, and was sponsored by the Information Technology Committee, the Office of the Executive Vice President and the Office of the Chief Information Officer.

*Editor's Note: More information can be found online at Curtis's Web site [PublicKnowledge.org](http://PublicKnowledge.org) or [savetheinternet.org](http://savetheinternet.org). The next Tech Trend event is Technology Trends and Web 2.0 by Erick Schonfeld and will be March 22 in the Union in room 206 at 2:30 p.m.*

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"I don't think he will. I've put so much pressure on Al to run that he's almost gotten aggravated with me." — **Former President Jimmy Carter**, on whether Al Gore will run for President in 2008, from *Time.com*

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## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Do you think the University's shuttle buses are overcrowded?



"It depends on where you get on."

**TENNIE GRAF**, Freshman, Undecided



"I only ride the bus at 2 a.m."

**KEVIN LUNT**, Freshman, VCT



"They're overcrowded because they drive slow."

**BRIAN DUGAN**, Junior, Biology



"I don't ride them, so I don't have an opinion on them."

**CRAIG HOYNG**, Junior, Accounting

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## Film Fest entry portrays homosexuality negatively

As first place runner-up at the Falcon Film Festival for 2006, I decided this weekend to see the new batch of films for this 2007 competition.

Many of the short films produced by this year's freshman were well done and entertaining. However, one film in particular really stuck in my mind.

This film took place in a residence hall and featured two freshman males as the lead characters. Throughout this piece, the leads were concerned about the image they portrayed to a former high school classmate, worrying that they were coming off as "gay" to her.

In the final minutes of the film, one of the male leads bent over to pick up his phone which he dropped, and the other male lead, who had just gotten out of the shower, opened up his towel, portraying the illusion that they were about to engage in anal sex. It ended with the former female high school classmate seeing this incident, causing the leads to panic.

The last image of the film

**BRIAN METZGER**  
GUEST COLUMN

was a close up on a dorm doorway with a dry-erase board attached to it, bearing the message "Get out Homosexuals!"

As an openly gay man, I found this to be very inappropriate and condescending to me as an individual.

There is a fine line between what is considered funny, and what is socially unacceptable, and this surpassed it. The film portrays homosexuality as something to be ashamed of, when that is simply not the case.

The film makers obviously didn't think about the diverse audience that would be viewing their film. This should have been considered while preparing the film, and this subject matter could have been handled in a more tasteful manner.

Beyond that, the fact that the University and the Falcon Film Festival committee would allow such a film to be shown is audacious and undermining to the gay community.

**"There is a fine line between what is considered funny and what is socially unacceptable, and this surpassed it."**

BGSU fosters a community that respects all diversity from the moment students arrive here during freshman orientation. The fact that they allowed this film to be shown to a public audience contradicts their purpose.

This video is not only shown at the Cla-Zel for one night, but it will eventually end up online where it will reflect on the University as a learning institution.

If I was in the position of an incoming freshman and I saw this video on the Web site, I most certainly would not get the impression of welcoming

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## More funding is needed to make University shuttle service better, safer



**KRISTEN VASAS**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

Whether or not you live on or off campus, we've all experienced it at least once: a shuttle bus filled to the max with standing room only.

You take your spot in the already full aisle, grabbing hold of a railing, a seat back, maybe even the person in front of you for some kind of grounded support.

The bus starts to roll along the slicked pavement, rain sloshing down the windshield like a waterfall, when a student runs out of nowhere in front of the bus, causing the driver to slam on the brakes and all of the students standing in the middle of the treacherous aisle to fall like dominoes.

Now, since this is a hypothetical situation, we can propose that perhaps some of the students forced to stand in the aisle luckily escaped with only a few cuts and bruises. Maybe some others broke an arm or a few ribs.

Unfortunately, not only do people stand in the middle of the aisles, but in the stairwells of the bus as well. If a

University shuttle bus did ever happen to get in an accident or come to a sudden stop with too many passengers flooding its aisles as well as the stairwells, the result could possibly end in the death of a passenger.

Surprisingly, bus related deaths are not as rare as one might think. According to the National Center for Statistics and Analysis, "since 1995, 1,509 people have died in school-transportation related accidents, with 8 percent of the deaths accountable to occupants of the bus."

They go on to claim that all passengers not seated entirely within the confines of the school bus seats while the bus is in motion are subject to injury, and possibly death.

Although our chances of injury here at BGSU are most certainly increased on the days when students are forced to stand in an unsafe section of the bus, our track record is perfectly clean.

"I've never had anyone hurt while riding one of our shuttles," said Fred Smith, the University's shuttle manager. "It's definitely an inconvenience [having people standing in the aisles]. I prefer students not stand on the off campus routes as they drive a little faster."

So why are we standing in

**"Can't we use some of that money to affect something that would actually make a difference in student's lives?"**

the aisles in the first place, endangering our very lives in the process?

According to Smith, "sometimes there are break downs and I have to pull aside for maintenance."

Since this eliminates one of the four buses that run daily around the University, this most certainly means there will be more people on less shuttles, causing them to stand in the aisles and stairwells.

So why the breakdowns and repairs? Can't the University just purchase new buses in order to up the safety standards? After all, we spend nearly \$21,607 for the USG to give speeches, which no one attends, maybe three times a year. Can't we use some of that money to affect something that would actually make a difference in

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## Column reflects concerns over academic standards

In response to Brendan Keep's column in the February 26 BG News, I agree with his supposition that high school courses and grading are "easier" than they used to be.

About 25 years ago, my sister and I graduated from an inner-city high school in northeast Ohio. She went to MIT as a Chemical Engineering major while I attended Cedarville University and then went on to earn two Master's degrees.

If we were students in the same school today, it is unlikely that we would be challenged academically or prepared for top college programs, regardless of our level of ability.

We can require more courses (as the Ohio Core aims to do) or institute more testing (as NCLB does), but those will have little effect on the situation, in my opinion. A fundamental shift regarding the role of public education has taken place in society. The purpose of high school used to be academic, but now

**GARY NONNEMACHER**  
GUEST COLUMN

it appears to be largely social and athletic.

Also of note, the academic background of many of those planning to be teachers has been diluted, so I suspect this problem will get worse. It is an untenable proposition that average products of a failing academic system will increase academic standards when they become teachers. Public education is in a downward spiral when it comes to academic standards and there seems to be no way to attract and retain highly qualified individuals to correct the problem.

Nobody is really sure what an A or a B in a certain course at a certain high school means, or how that compares to similar grades in similar courses elsewhere. As a parent of a public school student, even in the "excellent" school district of Bowling Green, I would have little idea of what

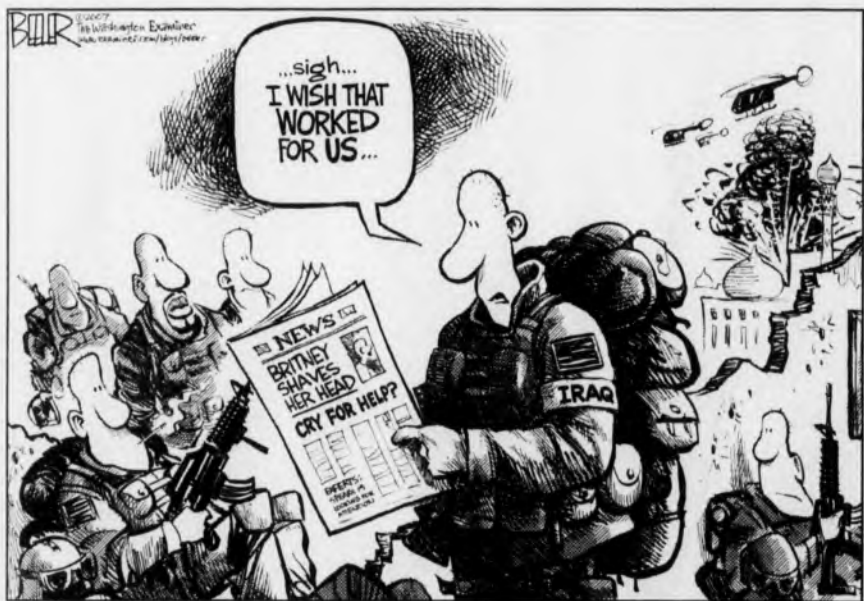
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my child is supposed to be learning in school, and little confidence that their grades reflect their true level of learning.

This is one of the major reasons that we home-school our children. As a home-school parent, I know exactly what my children are supposed to be learning, and I know exactly where they are having trouble in their studies. I would not know these things if they were attending public school.

I have also had limited experience with private schools. While some may have appropriate standards, many

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# Trial date set for terrorist

Alleged al-Qaida agent sees court date despite lawyers plea for post-traumatic stress treatment

By Curt Anderson  
The Associated Press

MIAMI — A federal judge ruled yesterday that suspected al-Qaida operative Jose Padilla is competent to stand trial on terrorism support charges, rejecting arguments that he was severely damaged by 3 1/2 years of interrogation and isolation in a military brig.

Padilla was in court when U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke announced her decision, but he showed no reaction.

"This defendant clearly has the capacity to assist his attorneys," Cooke said just hours after she finished four days of competency hearings.

Defense attorneys and federal prosecutors declined to immediately comment.

Padilla's lawyers had asked Cooke to order that their client be treated for post-traumatic stress disorder, which they contend stems from years of isolation and interrogation while in military custody as a suspected enemy combatant.

Cooke said testimony in the competency hearing showed that Padilla understands "legal nuances" of pretrial motions and noted that he had signed a document verifying the truth of allegations made by the defense that he was tortured and mistreated during his years in a Navy brig in Charleston, S.C.

"At some time, the defendant was able to discuss some things with his lawyers," Cooke said. "The defendant's situation is unique. He understands that."

Bush administration officials vehemently deny that Padilla was mistreated, and Cooke said her decision on competency should not be read as a ruling on those



**LIFE ON THE LINE:** Jose Padilla, center, the alleged al-Qaida operative held as an "enemy combatant" for more than three years, is escorted by federal marshalls on his arrival in Miami, Jan. 5, 2006. Padilla is mentally competent to stand trial on terrorism support charges, a federal judge ruled in a victory for the federal government.

claims. "That discussion is for another day," she said.

Padilla, a 36-year-old U.S. citizen, is charged along with two co-defendants with being part of a North American terror support cell that provided money, recruits and supplies to Islamic extremists around the world. All three have pleaded not guilty and face pos-

sible life imprisonment.

A trial is set to begin April 16.

Anthony Natale, one of Padilla's court-appointed lawyers, had asked Cooke to send Padilla to a mental health center for at least three months.

"Give him nothing more than any defendant deserves and receives in this country,"

Natale said.

A court-appointed psychologist who works for the U.S. Bureau of Prisons rejected the defense's claim that post-traumatic stress disorder impaired Padilla's ability to assist his lawyers. The psychologist concluded Padilla is competent, even if he has some anxiety and anti-social personal-

ity problems.

Prosecutors contended that Padilla, a Muslim convert, attended an al-Qaida camp in Afghanistan that included indoctrination on resistance if captured. Assistant U.S. Attorney John Shipley suggested that indoctrination was behind his choice not to cooperate on some issues.

## NATION BRIEFS

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### McCain to formally announce bid in April

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Sen. John McCain will officially enter the presidential race — his second run after a bitter loss to George W. Bush in 2000 — with a formal announcement in early April. The Arizona senator disclosed the timing of the long-expected announcement in a taping for the "Late Show With David Letterman" on CBS which aired yesterday.

### Democratic leaders revamp anti-war plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democratic leaders are developing an anti-war proposal that wouldn't cut off money for U.S. troops in Iraq but would require President Bush to acknowledge problems with an overburdened military. The plan could draw bipartisan support but is expected to be a tough sell to members who say they don't think it goes far enough to assuage voters angered by the four-year conflict.

### Rock band The Doors get Walk of Fame star

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Forty years ago, the Doors' Jim Morrison seduced Hollywood with his wild moves and wilder poetry. Yesterday the rock band cemented its legendary status with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The Doors' keyboardist Ray Manzarek, 68, and guitarist Robby Krieger, 61, showed up minus drummer John Densmore for the dedication of the walk's 2,325th star.

"Jim always used to say, 'The West is the best!'" Krieger said. "It has been an incredible 40 years, and now I'm back with Ray and we're still playing, and you know, it may never end."

### Anna Nicole Smith receives Bahama burial

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A Florida appeals court helped clear the way yesterday for Anna Nicole Smith to be buried in the Bahamas, saying evidence supports that it's what the former Playboy Playmate wanted.

## Gifts for business exchange puts man in prison

CLEVELAND (AP) — An investment marketer pleaded guilty yesterday to giving cash and other gifts to the former chief financial officer at the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation in exchange for agency business.

Clarke Blizzard, 53, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiring to bribe Terrence Gasper, according to the U.S. Attorney's office in Cleveland.

Authorities said Blizzard represented companies that received hundreds of millions of dollars in bureau investment business in return for about \$20,000 in bribes from 1998 to 2004. He made \$2.5 million in fees and commissions from the BWC investments he handled, prosecutors said.

The gifts included \$9,000 in 2004 for Gasper's son's college tuition, \$2,300 in 2002 to Gasper's girlfriend, sports and theater tickets, and a fishing trip. U.S. Attorney Greg White said.

Blizzard pleaded guilty at

the federal courthouse in Fort Myers, Fla., because Blizzard lives in Florida and U.S. District Judge David Dowd, who presides in Akron, was vacationing there. Blizzard will be sentenced May 3 in Akron.

Gasper pleaded guilty in June to federal and state charges that he accepted bribes in exchange for doling out agency business. He could be sentenced to up to 20 years in prison but is likely to get far less in exchange for testifying against others involved in the scandal.

Gasper was in charge of the bureau's multibillion dollar investment portfolio from 1995 through October 2004, when he resigned.

Ohio's investment scandal started with coin dealer and GOP fundraiser Tom Noe, who was convicted last year of stealing from a \$50 million rare-coin investment that he managed for the workers' comp bureau. He was sentenced to 18 years in prison and ordered to repay the state \$13.7 million.

## City wants to put end to racial slurs

By Sara Kugler  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York declared the n-word off limits to all races yesterday in a purely symbolic resolution prompted by the increasingly casual use of the slur in hip-hop music, comedy and street slang.

"People are using it out of context," said Leroy Comrie, a black city councilman who sponsored the unanimously passed measure. "People are also denigrating themselves by using the word, and disrespecting their history."

New York's resolution is not binding and merely calls on residents to stop using the slur. Leaders of the nation's largest city also hope to set an example.

Other municipalities have already passed similar measures in a debate that rose to a fever pitch late last year after "Seinfeld" actor Michael Richards spewed the word repeatedly at a comedy club in Los Angeles.

At New York's City Hall, supporters cheered passage of the resolution, with many of them wearing pins featuring a single white "N" with a slash through it.

Hip-hop pioneer Kurtis Blow Walker said when the resolution was proposed that blacks need to stop using the word so "we can elevate our minds to a better future."

Others argue that use of the word by blacks is empowering,



**SPEAKING OUT:** Timothy Robinson, an attendee at the "N'Surrection conference, receives a standing ovation after speaking to a crowd during a forum outlining double standards in the community at the "N'Surrection conference in Ala.

that reclaiming a slur and giving it a new meaning takes away its punch. Oscar-winner Jamie Foxx, for example, said he would not stop using the word, and did not see anything inappropriate about blacks using it within their own circles.

But in the uproar over Richards' outburst, black leaders, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson and California Rep. Maxine Waters, said it is impossible to paper over the epithet's origins and ugly history of humiliating blacks. They challenged the public and the entertainment industry to stop using the epithet.

"I forgive those young people who do not know their history, and I blame myself and my generation for not preparing you," Councilman Albert Vann said. "But today we are going to know our history. We are not going to

refer to ourselves by anything negative, the way the slave master referred to black people, using the n-word."

New York's action resonated far beyond the city.

In Miramar, Fla., 27-year-old Alexa Cabrera said she hopes the resolution will at least cause people to stop and think about their use of the word.

"It's a derogatory term no matter who uses it. Like if the KKK uses it, it's wrong, but if 50 Cent uses it, it's OK? I don't understand that," said Cabrera, who is black.

Dallas bank manager Ed Romero, who described himself as black and Hispanic, said he would like to see the spirit of the New York resolution spread until the word's use is stamped out.

"It's degrading and disrespectful, and I'd like to see it eliminated completely," Romero said.

## Economy turns in 'weaker performance' in 2006

By Jeannine Aversa  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The economy turned in a much weaker performance in the final quarter of 2006 than initially thought, and new-home sales tumbled in January by the most in 13 years, suggesting more business lethargy ahead.

The latest batch of economic reports from the Commerce Department yesterday pointed to a temporary economic listlessness rather than signaling the economy would slip into recession, economists said.

Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics, called it a "midcourse breather."

The reports came a day after stocks at home and abroad took a nosedive as investors worried about the economic health of global powerhouses, the United States and China.

Wall Street rebounded yesterday as Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke sought to calm investors' nerves and allay fears about

a major economic slowdown. Bernanke said the Fed was looking for "moderate growth in the U.S. economy going forward."

The Dow Jones industrials, which had been up more than 130 points earlier in the day, finished the session with a gain of 52.39 points to 12,268.63.

The new reading on gross domestic product showed the economy grew at a 2.2 percent pace — a considerably weaker rate than the government first estimated.

It initially had reported the expansion in the last three months of 2006 to be at a 3.5 percent pace.

The principal reason for the new, significantly lower estimate: Businesses tightened their belts amid fallout from the troubled housing and automotive sectors.

Bernanke said he wasn't worried about the GDP's downward revision, saying the new reading "is actually more consistent with our overall view of the economy than were the original numbers."

## North Korea's program gets attention

By Foster Klug  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The chief U.S. envoy at North Korean nuclear talks told lawmakers yesterday that the United States would be persistent in finding out how far North Korea had progressed on a secret uranium-based weapons program.

Lawmakers are pressing U.S. negotiators to make sure any such program is accounted for as the North declares its nuclear efforts as part of a Feb. 13 six-nation disarmament agreement. U.S. accusations on a uranium enrichment program in 2002 unraveled a previous deal aimed at stopping the North's nuclear bomb-making. The North has denied the

"How far they've gotten, whether they've actually been able to produce highly enriched uranium at this time..."

Christopher Hill | Asst. Secretary of State

U.S. claims. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill said the United States knows that North Korea has bought equipment that could be used only for uranium enrichment, but he expressed uncertainty about the program's current state.

"How far they've gotten, whether they've actually been able to produce highly enriched uranium at this time — I mean these are issues that intelligence analysts grapple with. But what we know is they have made the

purchases, and we need to have complete clarity on this program," Hill told a House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing.

The North said in this month's accord that it would shutter its main nuclear reactor at Yongbyon within 60 days in exchange for aid. A much larger shipment of aid — about \$250 million worth, Hill said — would follow if the North declared all its nuclear programs and began disabling them. o see it as rewarding North Korea for years of bad behavior,

## Police chief's authority is in question

FOSTORIA, Ohio (AP) — An attorney challenging the authority of the city's police chief wants the department's police dog to appear in court as an exhibit, because he says the dog and the chief have criminal justice degrees from the same online school.

The issue gives "one pause, if not paws, for concern" about what it takes to get the degrees from the school based in the Virgin Islands, Gene Murray wrote in a court document filed Monday.

Murray is seeking to have a drug charge against a client dismissed by arguing that police Chief John McGuire — who is accused of lying on his job application — was not legally employed and had no authority as an officer.

McGuire is to go on trial in March on charges of falsification and tampering with records. A special prosecutor said McGuire lied on his application and resume about his rank, position, duties, responsibilities and salary in three of his previous jobs.

McGuire was hired as chief of this northwest Ohio city a year ago.

The union that represents Fostoria police officers and dispatchers filed a lawsuit challenging McGuire's hiring.

Murray said asking that the police dog, Rocko, show up in court at an evidence hearing is a key to discrediting McGuire, who took part in a traffic stop and search in October that resulted in drug possession charges against Clifford Green of Fostoria.

Both McGuire and Rocko, who is listed as John I. Rocko on his diploma, are graduates of Concordia College and University, according to copies of diplomas that are part of Murray's motion.

The court filing did not say how the attorney knows that diploma is for the dog or how Rocko allegedly managed to enroll in the college.

"My client had absolutely nothing to do with any animal getting a degree from an institution of higher learning," said McGuire's attorney, Dean Henry. "The whole thing is bizarre."



## SIDELINES



## BASKETBALL

## Check out The BG News' blog during the MAC Tournament

The BG News will have live blogs during all MAC Tournament games next week in Cleveland and a running blog in between games and after the first round. Go to <http://www.bgnews.com> to access the blog.

## Look on page 9 for a breakdown of the MAC Tournament

The BG News breaks down the MAC Tournament for both the men and the women, and we've also handed out our awards and name our All-MAC teams. So be sure to read through the 2007 MAC Tournament Preview!

## SCHEDULE

## TODAY

Men's basketball:  
vs Kent State; 7 p.m.

## OUR CALL

## The List

Without further ado, we present to you the top five reasons why the BG women's basketball senior class is one this school should never forget:

**1. Intensity:** In hundreds of shots, we've never seen a photo of Ali Mann [below] with a cool, calm demeanor on her face, and that's the type of class this was — all intensity, all the time.

**2. Skill:** A lot of people get caught up in the intangibles of this class, which makes it easy to forget just how talented this group really is. If you need further proof, just take a glance at the record books.

**3. Personality:** No egos, no disputes, just a complete team mentality. This is a credit to the recruiting of Curt Miller and his staff, who have done an outstanding job.

**4. Accolades:** This group has put together some streaks and records that may never be topped, along with creating its own chapter in the record books.

**5. Impression:** When this group came in, BG was another MAC team. These days, BG is a nationally recognized program and the best of the best in the MAC.



## Farewell Seniors!

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: JORDAN FLOWER

FALCONS 92 | REDHAWKS 62



JASON RENTNER | THE BG NEWS

**MANN OH MANN:** BG's Ali Mann, left, takes the ball in for a shot over a Miami defender in last night's 92-62 win. The game was Mann's last in Anderson Arena, along with four other Falcons who will be graduating as well.

## A fond farewell

Seniors say goodbye to Anderson with a win

By Colin Wilson  
Assistant Sports Editor

Emotional, intense and just downright fun. Those are three things that represent BG's current senior class. It was only fitting that they continued that trend through their final game at Anderson Arena in a 92-62 victory over Miami.

A fired up crowd of 2,004 came out to say goodbye to Ali Mann, Liz Honegger, Carin Horne, Megan Thorburn and Amber Flynn as they played their final game in the friendly confines of "The House that Roars."

The first half was not exactly what the Falcons were looking for. They turned the ball over 11 times and allowed Miami point guard Jenna Schone to score 13 points. At halftime, the Falcons led 37-33 and they had to adjust because Miami was playing physical basketball.

**"It's amazing, it's what you always dream of — cutting down the nets on your home court in front of 2,000 plus fans."**

Ali Mann | BG Forward

"We got in at halftime and regrouped, and I thought we adjusted well to the physical way that the game was being played," said BG coach Curt Miller. "I'm really glad we forgot about how physical it was and really buckled down on execution and trying to be efficient at the offensive end."

BG adjusted pretty well. They shot 68 percent from the field and exploded for 55 second half

points. The Falcons made 6-of-7 3-pointers in the half and ended it with some emotional farewells by the five seniors. To celebrate their accomplishments as a class, the seniors cut down the nets.

"It's amazing, it's what you always dream of — cutting down the nets on your home court in front of 2,000 plus fans," Mann said. "It's just been great — it's a great feeling."

Miller was proud of the way his team played in the second half after a bumpy start. The bounce-back was typical of the senior class over the past four seasons.

"You saw the character of that team coming out of halftime," Miller said. "If there was a doubt in the game they put it away pretty early."

The Falcons put it away pretty early in the second half. They began with a 23-8 run and never

## Lefeld, Samarco prepare for their BG departure

By Bill Bordewick  
Reporter

One has only spent two years at the program and is playing at the University partly because of a junior college all-star game performance in which car trouble forced him to show up at halftime.

The other is a four-year senior who has battled through a debilitating foot condition. While his feet have limited him on the court, they have not limited him in the classroom.

They are the only two seniors on the University men's basketball team — Martin Samarco and Matt Lefeld respectively.

Both are gearing up to play their final home games as members of the Falcons, with the first being tonight at 7 p.m. against the Kent State Golden Flashes.

"It's sad that it is coming to an end," Samarco said. "I guess the freshmen and sophomores really don't know how sad it's going to be. I hope they don't take basketball for granted because you never know when your career is going to end. I wish I could have two more years here."

Samarco spent the first two years of collegiate career at



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**ON THE DRIVE:** BG's Martin Samarco (right) looks to get by an Eastern Michigan defender.

junior college. He spent his freshman year at Kirkland and moved on to Schoolcraft for his sophomore season.

While at Schoolcraft, Samarco became a NJCAA All-American. He finished 13th in the nation in scoring averaging 22 points per game and he finished 14th in the nation by connecting on 46.7 percent of his 3-point attempts.

His 122 3-pointers lead the nation that season. He was a first team All-Region XII hon-

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## Falcons claim second straight Panera Classic

By Adam Miezín  
Reporter

The University's softball team replicated last year's championship run at the Panera Bread Challenge by winning the tournament again this past weekend. Unlike last year's team that went 5-0, this year's Falcons finished 4-1.

The Falcons ended the weekend on a four game winning streak after dropping their first game. These games were also the first games under first-year head coach Shannon Salsburg.

The only game the Falcons lost in the tournament was their opener on Friday, by a score of 3-2, to Eastern Kentucky. Hayley Wiemer pitched a complete game, scattering seven hits but the Falcons offense did not give her much help. They only had two hits on the day (one each by Ashley Zirkle and Jeanine Baca). The team also was not helped by committing three errors.

"I think for a first game, we were all just a little uptight," Salsburg said. "It was the first time on dirt and first time outside. We had opportunities in the last couple of innings with some base runners, but we were not able to come up with

a clutch hit."

The team responded later that day with a 2-0 victory over Maine. Emily Gouge pitched a complete game four hitter while recording 11 strikeouts. Zirkle and Baca each recorded two hits, scoring the team's only runs. Baca also showed her speed with two stolen bases.

"We really had a great weekend as we had quality pitching along with scoring a lot of runs," Zirkle said. "To be able to lessen the load of the pitcher by putting runs on the board is huge and we had the pitching to win games this weekend."

Saturday saw history as freshman Sharon Palma recorded a no-hitter in her first career start as the Falcons defeated St. Francis (PA) 8-0 in five innings. Palma had seven strikeouts and four walks. The University finally showed off the power with three home runs (Dawnjene DeLong, Wiemer and Susan Sontag). Sontag and DeLong each had two hits while Sontag led the team with three RBIs.

"I really have to credit my catchers for calling all of my pitchers and the defense for an amazing effort behind me," Palma said. "The whole team

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## Golfers get back into the swing of things in N.C.

By Kevin Berger  
Reporter

It's spring and that means new seasons for all kinds of sports — in this case, women's golf.

The BG women's golf team traveled to Buies Creek, NC for the Fighting Camel Spring Classic, its first tournament since October. There they took on a field of 15 teams and finished 13th with a score of 670 (345-325).

But all is not lost. They may have finished toward the bottom of the pack, but it's a huge improvement from where they started on the first day of the tournament.

On the first day of the tournament the team shot a 345, a long way from their goal of 316, putting them in last place.

"Any time you go into your first event after a big break, you have to make adjustments," said BG coach Stephanie Young.

And that's just what they

did. On the second day of the tournament the girls shaved off 20 strokes from their previous score to get a 325.

"That showed who we are," Young said. "It shows we have lots of character to come back, it was a huge turnaround."

According to Young, a lot can be said about cutting 20 strokes off in a day.

"All we can do is continue to improve throughout the spring," Young said. "And play competitive in every round."

Senior Kari Liggett, playing in her final season, shot the best single-day score on the team with a 78. After shooting a dismal 89 on the first day, her final score was 167, in which she tied for 55th place.

Liggett felt the same way about her performance as the teams play from the first day of the tournament to the second day.

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GEORGE SKENE | AP PHOTO

**ROID RAGE:** A member of the management of Signature Compounding Pharmacy, Kirk Calvert, is brought out by police after his arrest as part of a steroid drug bust at Signature Drugs in Orlando, Fla. yesterday. Athletes were involved as customers in an illicit steroid distribution network that led authorities to raid two Orlando pharmacies and arrest four company officials, a New York prosecutor said.

## East coast's version of BALCO

By Travis Reed  
The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Athletes were involved as customers in an illicit steroid distribution network that led authorities to raid two Orlando pharmacies and arrest four company officials, a New York prosecutor said.

Albany County (N.Y.) District Attorney P. David Soares refused to identify any steroid recipients, saying prosecutors were focused on producers and distributors.

Customers allegedly include Los Angeles Angels outfielder Gary Matthews Jr., according to the Times Union of Albany, which first disclosed the investigation, citing unidentified sources.

The paper said the names of Matthews, along with former heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield and former baseball star Jose Canseco were allegedly

included on customer lists for Applied Pharmacy Services in Mobile, Ala. The two owners have been indicted by an Albany County grand jury.

Matthews, speaking to reporters at the Angels' spring training camp in Mesa, Ariz., said he wasn't "in a position to answer any specific questions."

"I do expect it to resolve itself here in the near future. ... Until we get more information, I just can't comment on it," he said yesterday.

Canseco's attorney, Robert Saunooke, told The Associated Press he would be surprised if the former slugger had been a client.

"I would find it highly unlikely," Saunooke said. "All the steroids that he got were prescribed to him or were from people in the gym. There's never been anything he's gotten online."

Saunooke added that neither he nor Canseco had been contacted

by any investigators in the case.

"Just Senator Mitchell," he said, referring to baseball's ongoing investigation into steroids.

A message left with Holyfield was not immediately returned.

The Times Union said investigators found evidence that testosterone and other performance-enhancing drugs may have been fraudulently prescribed over the Internet to current and former Major League Baseball and NFL players, college athletes, high school coaches, a former Mr. Olympia champion and another top contender in the bodybuilding competition.

The paper said customers of Signature Pharmacy in Orlando included several former and current professional athletes. Among those allegedly linked to the company were former Arizona

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## MENS

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oree in 2004. His performance that season earned him all-star berth but car trouble forced him to miss the first half.

"I arrived at halftime and I was supposed to be there because I was one of the starters," Samarco said. "We wound up winning the game — I think I had like 11 points."

University coach Dan Dakich left very impressed with Samarco, even though the all-star missed some of the action.

"You could see in about those six minutes, the way he scored, that he would be a pretty good fit for the way we played — off screens and curls," Dakich said.

Samarco came to the University his junior year and made an impact right away, averaging 18.9 points per game and was named second team All-MAC.

This season, Samarco continued his superior play by averaging 19.6 points per game, which leads the MAC and ranks in the top 30 nationwide.

"There isn't a day that has gone by where he hasn't brought his best effort," Dakich said. "It's just so unfortunate that the two seasons he was here didn't go better. It's certainly not a reflection on him."

Samarco's play over the last two seasons earned him a spot at the Portsmouth Invitational, which is the only post-season tournament prior to the Chicago pre-draft camp.

"I'm just going to go there and play hard and just let the chips fall where they may — that's all that you can really do," Samarco said. "Nothing is going to be handed to me and nothing has been handed to me. So I'm just going to go there and work hard."

The other senior on the team, Matt Lefeld, is a four-year senior who has had battled severe foot problems that have limited him in practices.



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**STANDING TALL:** Matt Lefeld (left) plays keep away from Furman defender.

"[The foot problem] has been about the hardest thing in my life to deal with," Lefeld said. "I try to expect a lot out of myself and sometimes you just can't control all of it — it sucks. It's just really hard but you just got to cope with it and keep fighting."

Lefeld has had to deal with the foot problem for his entire collegiate career.

Last season, he was the winner of the Earl Rupright Spirit Award as the team's most inspirational player for battling through all of the injuries to become the MAC's most improved player in 2005-2006.

"Matt will need reconstructive surgery on his foot. If he didn't have [the foot problem] he would be an All-League kid," Dakich said. "There are two things that destroy you in basketball, your feet and your back, and when those are a constant problem, you are never going to get better."

"It's sad — he has been a real inspiration for me. You see him standing on the sides of his feet, it's too bad," Dakich said. "But he has probably gotten more respect from the people around him because of what he has done through the injury than he would have no matter how good of a player he would have been."

But all the foot problems that Lefeld has had have not stopped him from excelling in the class-

room.

Lefeld, a supply chain management major, currently carries a 3.97 grade point average. His performance in the classroom led Lefeld to be named to the "ESPN The Magazine" Academic All-District IV team for the second straight season.

"Last year it was really cool because I was doing real well with basketball and it was a possibility — because as an All-American you have to be both sides," Lefeld said.

"But it's still neat to be named to the All-District team. ESPN throws their name on it so it's neat to tell people about — it's kind of cool."

District IV consists of Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama. To be considered for the All-District team, a player must be a starter or an important reserve and carry a 3.2 grade point average — Lefeld meets both requirements.

"His academics in terms of the courses he takes are what the smartest, brightest kids on campus are going to take, and he gets A's in all of them," Dakich said. "He is the kind of guy, I don't care what job it is, you hire him."

"Coach has basically been, because we spend so much time together, my dad away from home," Lefeld said.

"He's the one that keeps me in check trying to make sure I'm leading on the floor. Coach Dakich is not going to settle for nothing for you — there's always better you can do," Lefeld said. "It definitely means a lot to me if coach says that because it means he trusts me and after spending four years with somebody — that's important."

With their final games approaching, both Samarco and Lefeld have left their mark on the program — whether it is on or off the court.

Because of both players' hard work and dedication to the program, neither will be forgotten around this campus or this area for a long time.

## GOLF

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"I struggled quite a bit the first day," Liggett said. "But turned it around on the second day."

Carly Hrusovsky led the way for BG with a score of 163 (83-80), tying her for 37th place.

She has carried over her good play from the fall season to this season and looks to improve even more.

"This is a good start to the season," Hrusovsky said. "This gives us a lot to build on. Our hard work is starting to show off a little bit."

Next up for the Falcons is a trip to Rio Verde, Ariz., for the

Rio Verde Collegiate Invitational over spring break week.

But they're not going there for drinks on the beach and fun in the sun — they are there for business.

"We feel we have a lot to prove," Hrusovsky said. "But some people don't take us seriously as serious competition. We want to change that."

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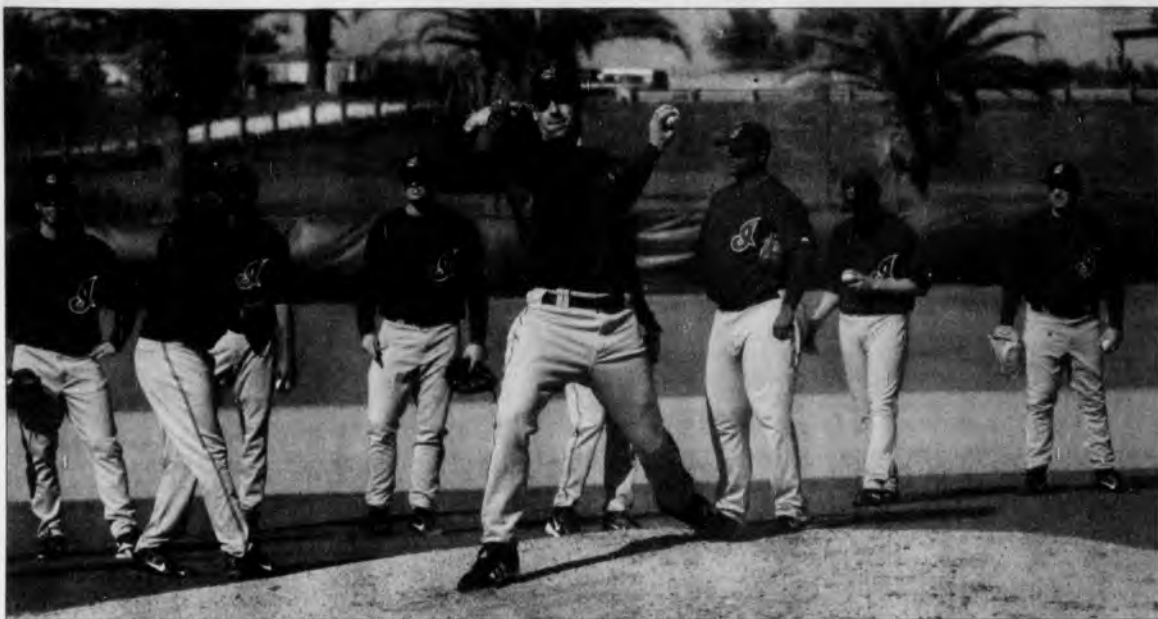
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**PLAYING CATCH:** Indians pitcher Cliff Lee throws during a spring training baseball workout, Feb. 17, in Winter Haven, Fla. Unlike most clubs, the Indians don't have to worry about filling out their starting rotation this spring. Led by C.C. Sabathia, Lee, Paul Byrd and Jake Westbrook, the rotation is already set and should be one of the team's strengths.

## Indians boast formidable rotation in '07

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — It's easy to see why Cleveland Indians pitching coach Carl Willis has a smile on his face these days.

When Willis walks the sun-drenched fields at the team's spring training complex, he sees staff ace C.C. Sabathia, who has won 81 games in six major league seasons, throwing batting practice. Standing nearby waiting his turn to throw is Jeremy Sowers, who went 7-4 and threw two shut-outs last season after being called up from the minors in late June.

On another field throwing to hitters is Jake Westbrook, 44-34 the last three seasons. Throwing bullpen sessions a few steps away are Cliff Lee, who has 46 wins the last three years, and Paul Byrd, a steady veteran with an 82-73 career record.

The Indians head into the 2007 season with questions about their bullpen, defense and tough competition in the AL Central. Unlike many teams, however, the Indians aren't worried about their rotation.

"It's a tremendous situation for us," Willis said. "We're really excited. I believe our No. 1 asset is our starting pitching."

Cleveland's starters compiled the third best ERA (4.31) in the league last season and had a 62-57 record. The starters finished second with 1,000 2-3 innings pitched.

"We have a good mix here," said Westbrook, 15-10 with a 4.17 ERA last season. "We have guys who can move the ball around, throw strikes and who know how to pitch. Each guy

will bring something different. We also have three left-handers (Sabathia, Lee and Sowers). That's always a big plus."

While many teams spend spring training scrambling to fill out their rotation, the Indians can already arrange things for the regular season.

Sabathia, 12-11 with a 3.22 ERA in 2006, will pitch the season in opener in Chicago on April 2. Westbrook said he'll pitch the second game of the season.

The rotation is a blend of youth and experience. At 36, Byrd is the only starter over 30. Sabathia, in the majors since 2001, is just 26. Westbrook and Lee are 29 and 28, respectively, while Sowers, 24, is in his third year of pro ball.

"The veterans here have been a big help to me," said Sowers, who

had a 3.57 ERA last season. "I've learned a lot from them."

Durability has been another key to the rotation's success. The five returnees made 85 percent of the team's starts last season — Lee (33), Westbrook (32), Byrd (31), Sabathia (28), and Sowers (14). Veteran Jason Johnson, traded when Sowers was called up, also made 14.

Sabathia has been the only starter to miss time the last two seasons. He missed most of last April with a pulled muscle in his side.

Should there be an injury, the Indians have depth in the minors. Right-handers Fausto Carmona and Adam Miller, the top two pitching prospects in the organization, will begin the season at Triple-A Buffalo.

## STERIODS

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Diamondbacks pitcher Jason Grimsley and a team doctor for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Grimsley's agent, Joe Bick, declined comment.

The paper said a New York investigator flew to Pittsburgh last month to interview Dr. Richard A. Rydze about why he allegedly used a personal credit card to purchase about \$150,000 in testosterone and human growth hormone in 2006.

Rydze told the investigator the drugs were for his private patients, the paper said, citing an unidentified person briefed on the interview.

There are no allegations Rydze violated any laws.

Steelers spokesman Dave Lockett told the AP that Rydze works for the club mostly on game days. He is listed among the seven doctors under the "medical staff" designation on the official team employment roster.

"We can't comment any further because we are still gathering information," Lockett said.

A message for Rydze wasn't immediately returned.

Meanwhile, the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center said it was investigating the purchase made by Rydze, who works there.

"We have initiated an internal review and at this time we have no further factual information or comment," said Susan Manko, a UPMC spokeswoman.

Soares was in Florida on Tuesday for raids conducted by federal and state agents at two Signature Pharmacy stores. Four company officials, including a married couple who are both pharmacists, were arrested.

Prosecutors were expected to ask that the four be extradited to New York during a hearing on Thursday. According to the arrest warrants, all four were indicted on charges of enterprise corruption, criminal sale of a controlled substance, criminal diversion of

prescription medications and insurance fraud.

Soares refused to answer most questions about the case, which involves sealed indictments. He said his investigation began after an Albany doctor was arrested for allegedly trafficking in narcotics online.

"I cannot elaborate anymore and I cannot provide you with any more details without compromising an investigation which even at this point is at a very sensitive stage," he said.

Arrested on Tuesday were Stan and Naomi Loomis, who own the Signature Pharmacy in downtown Orlando, Stan's brother Mike Loomis and Kirk Calvert, Signature's marketing director. Soares' office identified Signature as a "producer" of the illegally distributed drugs.

Also arrested as a result of the New York investigation were three people Soares' office described as "distributors" from a Sugar Land, Texas, company called Cellular Nucleonic Advantage.

Before the investigation is complete, Soares' office said, up to 24 people could face charges, including six doctors and three pharmacists.

The Loomis' pharmacy contains a small retail store that sells bodybuilding supplements, a drug laboratory and executive offices.

Investigators loaded boxes into a truck and seized drugs, including anabolic steroids and human growth hormone, said Carl Metzger, narcotics commander for Orlando's Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation.

"I can't tell you what percentage of their business was legal and how much involved stacking steroids, but there was a mix," Metzger said.

Soares' office alleged that Signature filled prescriptions, in some cases from unlicensed doctors, knowing they had not met patients. The office said at least \$250,000 in illegal and controlled substances were sold directly into Albany County, and New York State sales exceeded \$10 million.

## SOFTBALL

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should get credit for the game and what we accomplished."

The Falcons met conference rivals in their final two games and were able to win both of them. Against Miami (Ohio), the University led 6-0 after three innings before hanging on for a 6-4 victory. Wiemer earned the victory while Gouge finished the game by pitching the final two innings. On offense, Baca had her first home run and Allison Vallas recorded her first two hits of the season. Zirkle and Baca each had two RBIs while Carly Riepenhoff also had an RBI.

"The team really stepped up and had the big hits when we needed them," Zirkle said. "The pitchers were great while we were very consistent. We need to just keep hitting well and scoring first to put pressure on the other team."

Vallas again led the attack against Akron as the Falcons beat the Zips 8-3. Vallas had a triple

and a home run while Riepenhoff also had a triple. Both players each had three RBIs as well. The combination of Gouge and Wiemer on the mound again got the job done. Gouge started the game and pitched three innings before giving way to Wiemer, who one-hit the Zips in her four innings pitched.

"Overall, I am really happy about the weekend," Salsburg said. "We improved each game in our hitting, fielding and pitching. There are some things we can work on but we had a good opening weekend overall. We had five home runs so that was a big confidence boost for our power as well."

The University will play six games this weekend at the Charleston Southern Tournament. Their opponents include St. Bonaventure, Providence and Hartford. For the Falcons, they will continue to improve as they get more time to play outside while additional power this season is another interesting development from the first weekend.

## B-BALL

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looked back from there. Amber Flynn, Carin Horne and Megan Thorburn all hit threes down the stretch, firing up the crowd even more.

"The seniors wanted to go off in style and they were inspired as a unit and as emotional as I've seen them in a long time," Miller said.

Miami played a physical game, but there was only so much they could do against a fired up Falcon senior group.

"Bad timing for Miami to have to be the team to have to play Bowling Green on senior night after a loss," said Miami coach Maria Fantanarosa.

Horne and Mann led the Falcons with 23 and 22 respectively. Kate Achter added 13, Liz Honegger had 11, and Megan Thorburn had six, including two patented baseline threes.

The seniors all left the floor

individually except for Mann and Honegger, who have been the face of the BG program the last four years. As the substitution horn sounded, the two hugged near midcourt and waved goodbye to the Anderson Arena faithful.

**Missing the point**

BG played the game without backup point guard Jasmine McCall. Miller would not comment on McCall after the game and made that very clear in his opening statement. He told the media he would give them more details when he was made completely aware of the situation.

Players did say McCall has not been in practice all week. Ali Mann ran the point while starting point guard Kate Achter was on the bench.

"It's fun to be in that position, there's not really any pressure on me to mess up," Mann said. "I have new respect for Kate and all the things she does."

### THE BG NEWS SUDOKU

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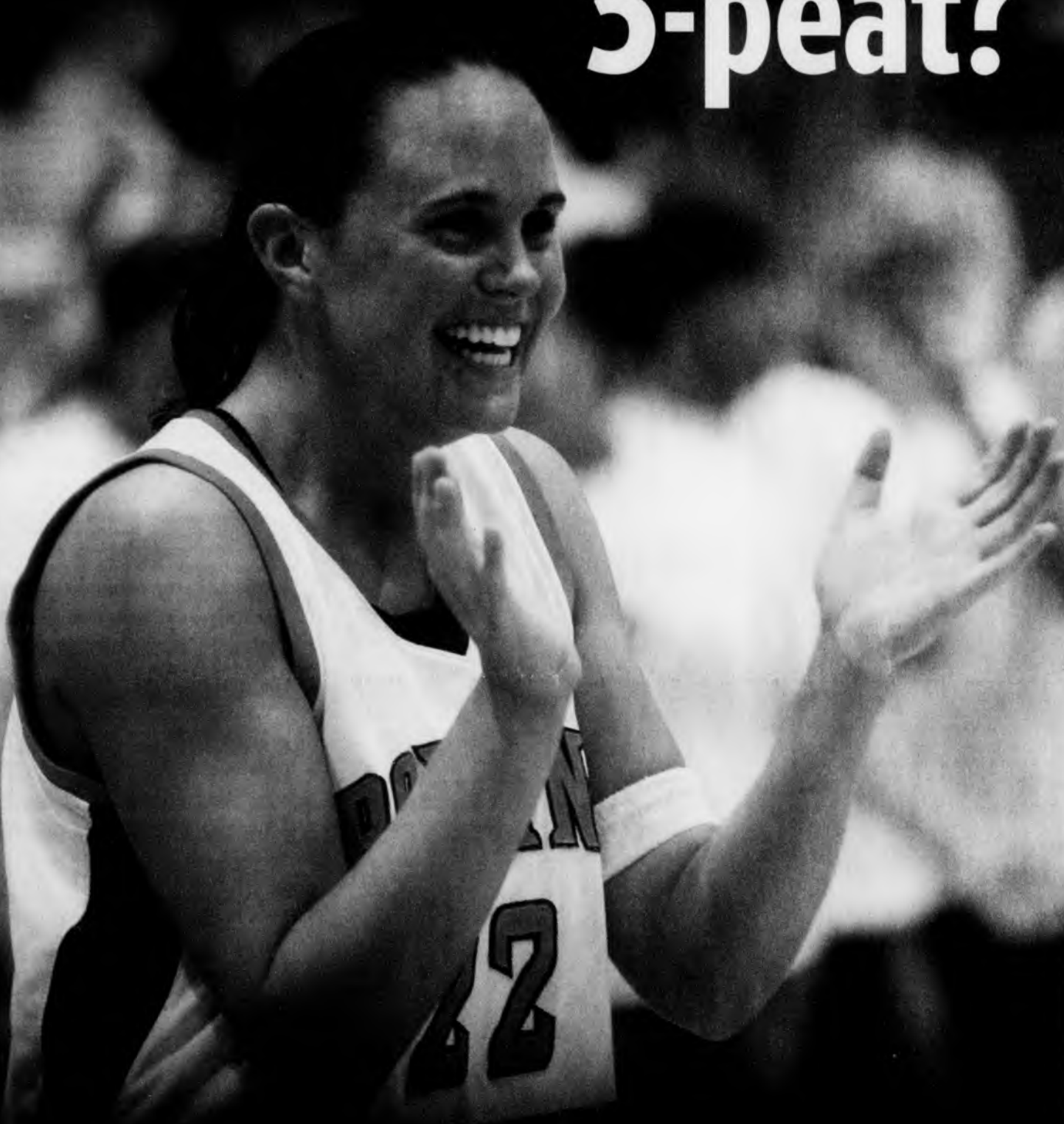
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## 3-peat?



### Can anyone stop BG's run before their senior class leaves?

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**HUNTER OR HUNTED?** BG is our favorite to win the MAC Women's Tournament, but there are some roadblocks ahead. The Falcons will have to get past: (left to right) Stephanie Raymond (Northern Illinois), Rachel Frederick (Ohio), Sarah Van Meter (Eastern Michigan) and Julie DeMuth (Ball State). BG has won 39 of its last 40 conference games including the MAC Tournament and is 9-1 in the tourney with their current senior class. The last time they lost in the tournament was to Eastern Michigan in the 2004 championship game.

#### INSIDE...

**BREAKDOWNS:** Colin Wilson breaks down every MAC team and how they match up with the Falcons and Bill Bordewick breaks it down for the men's side.

**AWARDS:** The BG News also gives out its annual awards for MVP, Sixth Man, etc.

**THE PREDICTIONS:** See how The BG News thinks everything will shake out in each bracket.

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COLIN WILSON  
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# The MAC women: strengths and weaknesses

## BOWLING GREEN

25-3 (14-1)



The Falcons have the best scoring offense and scoring defense in the conference and up until Saturday they looked to be unstoppable with their core seniors. I still think the Falcons will take the tournament, but they have been beaten. They need to find ways to match up better against Toledo and Ohio though. It's hard to believe that the Falcons might rather play the two than the 10 seed.

## KENT STATE

14-12 (10-5)



This is a team that has had a hard time finding an identity. They started well, but have not had a lot of consistency of late. The Flashes don't match up well with BG and gave up a lot of easy baskets. I can't see them making a whole lot of noise in the tournament. One thing the Flashes do have going for them is the fact that they have played extremely well in March. They appeared in the past two championship games against BG.

## OHIO

16-11 (9-6)



The MAC only team to beat the Falcons in the last two years, Ohio poses a threat to teams because they can score and defend pretty well. Preseason All-MAC selection Rachel Frederick can get to the line and center Domenica Silva is a force on the block. Since they did beat BG and Ball State this season, I must call them a serious contender. They're pretty good at calling their shots too I must say after calling BG beatable and doing it.

## MIAMI

12-16 (6-9)



In my opinion, this is where the title contenders end. The RedHawks have some pretty good scorers, but they seem inconsistent and their defense in the paint was not too much of a strong point. They need a lot of scoring in the post to keep teams from piling their defenders on the perimeter to stop Amanda Jackson and Jenna Schone. This is not a terrible team though, they could shock a team or two next week.

## BUFFALO

10-17 (5-10)



Heather Turner is a force inside and they have some pretty good 3-point shooters, but the Bulls did not win very much this season. I guess they did beat Ohio, who beat BG, that's gotta count for something, right? By beating a good team, the Bulls did prove that they can play well for a whole game though. If they got some solid 3-point shooting, a run is possible, but it's not likely since teams know their M.O. by now.

## AKRON

10-17 (3-12)



Those Zips had a tough year. Like BG, their men's and women's programs were polar opposites. Niki McCoy was a bright spot though as the eighth leading scorer in the conference and Riana Miller was pretty impressive inside. Who knows, maybe this young duo can help the Zips make a push against a team like NIU in the first round, anything is possible in the MAC these days. That is highly unlikely though.

## BALL STATE

21-5 (12-3)



The Cardinals can score a lot of points, but they had a tough time matching up with BG. Although it was a good game, the Falcons took away the three point shot and made Portia Green and Audrey McDonald drive the lanes all game. This team may make it to the championship game but I don't think they have the firepower to beat BG at its best.

## EASTERN MICHIGAN

14-12 (9-6)



The trio of Patrice McKinney, Sarah Van Metre and Alyssa Pittman has helped the Eagles push their way into second place in the West, but they had a hard time against BG this year too. I can see them getting deep though if they can finally get past Ball State. The Eagles will look to make up for blowing a huge lead in last year's semifinal game against Kent State.

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS

17-10 (8-7)



Stephanie Raymond and Mary Basic can shoot the lights out of the gym on any given night. That said, they have to play better defense then they did against the Falcons in their meeting on Feb. 7. The Huskies can definitely make a push for the championship game though. They gave the Falcons trouble in the quarterfinals last year, holding them to just 16 first-half points.

## WESTERN MICHIGAN

13-16 (6-9)



This team is not very good outside of Carrie Moore. The Broncos have played tough against a lot of teams, but BG blew them out of the water at their gym. I didn't get to see it, but I can always assume things. They can't shoot threes very well or defend against them. It would be interesting to see Moore get extremely hot and upset a higher seed single-handedly.

## TOLEDO

9-18 (5-10)



Toledo's men and BG's women are nearly polar opposites from their counterparts of the opposite sex. I will say that Toledo gave BG one hell of a game and they can score inside if given the opportunity. Out of Diana Reindl, Danielle Bishop and Savannah Werner, someone's got to get on one of the All-MAC squads. That said, they've played tough and can't be discounted completely in the scheme of things.

## CENTRAL MICHIGAN

11-17 (3-12)



Ann Skufca averages 12 points and two blocks per game. Unfortunately, that did not translate into wins for the Chips. I think they're tied with Akron for team least likely to advance a round in the tourney. To win, a team must score, and Central really does not do that. They've got to be the biggest underdog in the first round, matching up with OU. The Bobcats have five scorers that are licking their chops right now.



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**CONCENTRATION:** Ali Mann's long, illustrious BG career leads her to the ultimate award. The BG News' MAC Player of the Year.

## 2007 MAC Player of the Year: Ali Mann

Call me biased but I think guarding Ali Mann this year was somewhat similar to fighting a mountain lion. She scores from everywhere on the court, rebounds and has so much determination. There may be players with better stats, but BG was 14-1 in the MAC going into last night because among other reasons, Ali Mann is their star.

The crazy thing about Mann is that she just doesn't have an off-night. She went a whopping 31-straight games in double-figures. It's hard to believe that she could keep that many teams

### SEASON STATS

**POINTS:** 15.6**REBOUNDS:** 5.4**FG PERCENT:** 53**3-POINT PERCENT:** 47

guessing.

Mann scores from the lane, the wing and the foul line and plays intense defense. She is also the emotional leader for the Falcons, keeping the intensity up at all times.

## The rest of the best

### OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: CARRIE MOORE (WESTERN MICHIGAN)



She only averages 25 points per game and seven boards. As one of the only scoring options on her team, Moore had a great year on the stat sheets. The Broncos will miss having her around to shoulder the load.

### DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: TIERA DELAHOUSSEY (WESTERN MICHIGAN)



Yeah, it's easy to give this to the steals leader, but three per game is unheard of. This sophomore will likely wreak havoc on the MAC for the next couple of seasons. Lindsey Goldsberry is a close second.

### FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: ALYSSA PITTMAN (EASTERN MICHIGAN)



Just when Patrice McKinney and Sarah Van Metre are about to leave, Pittman bursts onto the MAC scene with a cool 12 points per game and shot 39 percent from long-range.

### SIXTH MAN OF THE YEAR: AMBER FLYNN (BOWLING GREEN)



She is called the 'best sixth man the MAC has ever seen' by her coach Curt Miller. Amber Flynn could start for a lot of basketball teams in the country, but she comes off the bench and makes a difference in the post for BG every game.

### SURPRISE OF THE YEAR: OHIO UNIVERSITY



This team had a chip on their shoulder and used it to their advantage. They won at BG, they beat Ball State and they have a chance to end up with a bye in the tournament if Buffalo helps them out and beats Kent. Hats off to their coach Sylvia Crawley (right) for all she did in her first year. The Bobcats may make a lot of noise in the tourney.

## 2007 MAC Coach of the Year: Curt Miller

Curt Miller's resume is extremely impressive. He boasts 118 wins in six seasons. The fact that 20-win seasons are a norm for BG women's basketball has everything to do with its coach and the impact he's made.

Although there are some great coaches in the MAC now, Miller has paved the way. Give credit to Mark Ehlen and Bob Lindsay, but Miller is today's great MAC coach.

In an era when football and men's basketball are starting to suffer, women's basket-

ball is thriving in the MAC. Competition is at an ultimate right now and it is only peaking.

Up and coming teams like Ball State and OU can thank Miller for leading the way for successful coaches to the MAC.

As humble as Miller can be, thanking his staff, players and mentors, he has done some great things already.

Whether Miller stays at BG or moves on to a bigger conference, he will have a lasting impact on women's basketball in the MAC.



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**A FIERY INDIVIDUAL:** Curt Miller's intensity is reflected through his players every game and it has produced great results, earning him The BG News' Coach of the Year Award.

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## MAC men's basketball statistics

## MAC WEST STANDINGS

	MAC RECORD	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	STREAK	RECORD(OVERALL)
TOLEDO	12-2	.857	6-0	6-2	0-0	W4	16-11
WESTERN MICHIGAN	7-7	.500	5-2	2-5	0-0	L1	13-15
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	7-7	.500	3-4	4-3	0-0	W4	12-15
EASTERN MICHIGAN	5-9	.357	3-5	2-4	0-0	W1	11-17
BALL STATE	5-9	.357	3-4	2-5	0-0	L2	9-19
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	3-11	.214	2-5	1-6	0-0	L3	

## MAC EAST STANDINGS

	MAC RECORD	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	STREAK	RECORD(OVERALL)
AKRON	11-3	.786	8-0	3-3	0-0	W1	22-6
KENT STATE	11-3	.786	7-0	4-3	0-0	W3	19-9
MIAMI OH	10-4	.714	8-0	2-4	0-0	W2	15-12
OHIO	8-6	.571	5-2	3-4	0-0	L1	17-11
BUFFALO	3-11	.214	3-3	0-8	0-0	L2	11-17
BOWLING GREEN	2-12	.143	2-4	0-8	0-0	L6	12-16

## POINTS

	PTS/G
1. MARTIN SAMARCO, BOWLING GREEN	19.8
2. GORDAN WATSON, CMU	18.4
3. JEROME TILLMAN, OHIO	15.4
4. TIM POLLITZ, MIAMI (OH)	15.4
5. ROMEO TRAVIS, AKRON	15.4
6. KEONTA HOWELL, TOLEDO	15.4
7. LEON WILLIAMS, OHIO	14.7
8. JOE REITZ, WMU	14.3
9. YASSIN IDBIHI, BUFFALO	15.8
10. JUSTIN INGRAM, TOLEDO	14.7

## REBOUNDS

	REB/G
1. YASSIN IDBIHI, BUFFALO	9.6
2. LEON WILLIAMS, OHIO	9.2
3. JOE REITZ, WMU	8.5
4. JEROME TILLMAN, OHIO	8.4
5. ANTHONY NEWELL, BSU	7.6
6. NATE MILLER, BG	7.6
7. JEREMIAH WOOD, AKRON	7.5
8. NATHAN PEAVY, MIA	6.7
9. JAMES HUGHES, NIU	6.1
10. MIKE SCOTT, KSU	6.1

## FIELD GOAL PCT.

	PCT.
1. FLORENTINO VALENCIA, TOLEDO	65.4
2. JULIAN SULLINGER, KSU	61.9
3. LEON WILLIAMS, OHIO	60.4
4. JAMES HUGHES, NIU	59.2
5. ERIK MARSHALL, BG	58.7
6. JOE REITZ, WMU	57.8
7. JEROME TILLMAN, OHIO	56.8
8. JEREMIAH WOOD, AKRON	56.2

## ASSISTS

	ASSISTS/G
1. SONNY TROUTMAN, OHIO	4.7
2. MICHAEL REDELL, WMU	4.6
3. DRU JOYCE, AKRON	4.5
4. KASHIF PAYNE, TOLEDO	4.4
5. GORDAN WATSON, CMU	4.3
6. RYNE HAMBLET, BGSU	4.0
7. JORDAN MINCY, KSU	3.9
8. OMNI SMITH, KSU	3.7

## MAC women's basketball statistics

## MAC WEST STANDINGS

	MAC RECORD	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	STREAK	RECORD(OVERALL)
BALL STATE	12-3	.800	7-1	5-2	-	W2	21-5
EASTERN MICHIGAN	9-6	.600	5-3	4-3	-	L1	14-12
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	8-7	.533	6-1	2-6	-	L1	17-10
WESTERN MICHIGAN	6-9	.400	5-3	1-6	-	W1	13-16
TOLEDO	5-10	.333	3-4	2-6	-	W1	9-18
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	3-12	.200	3-4	0-8	-	L2	11-17

## MAC EAST STANDINGS

	MAC RECORD	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	STREAK	RECORD(OVERALL)
BOWLING GREEN	14-1	.933	6-1	8-0	-	L1	25-3
KENT STATE	10-5	.667	5-2	5-3	-	W1	14-12
OHIO	9-6	.600	5-2	4-4	-	W1	16-11
MIAMI OH	6-9	.400	5-3	1-6	-	L3	12-16
BUFFALO	5-10	.333	3-4	2-6	-	W2	10-17
AKRON	3-12	.200	3-5	0-7	-	L1	10-17

## POINTS

	PTS/G
1. MOORE, CARRIE-WMU	25.2
2. RAYMOND, STEPHANIE-NIU	18.9
3. JACKSON, AMANDA-MIA	17.7
4. PEOPLES, KRISTIN-KSU	16.5
5. VANMETRE, SARAH-EMU	16.2
6. MCCOY, NIKI-UA	16.1
KOHN, LAUREN-OU	16.1
8. MANN, ALI-BG	15.6
9. DEMUTH, JULIE-BSU	15.2
10. WIENER, KRISTIN-NIU	15.1

## REBOUNDS

	REB/G
1. FREDERICK, RACHEL-OU	9.1
2. BROWN, LINDSEY-WMU	8.6
3. DEMUTH, JULIE-BSU	8.5
4. WIENER, KRISTIN-NIU	8.2
TURNER, HEATHER-UB	8.2
6. STEWART, LAKIA-KSU	8.2
7. VANMETRE, SARAH-EMU	8.0
MCKINNEY, PATRICE-EMU	8.0
9. SCHIEBNER, JAMIE-UB	7.3
10. PYLE, EVE-MIA	7.1

## FIELD GOAL PCT.

	PCT.
1. TURNER, HEATHER-UB	.616
2. FLYNN, AMBER-BG	.610
3. REINDL, DIANA-UT	.538
4. CORBIN, KELSEY-BSU	.538
5. MANN, ALI-BG	.532
6. STEWART, LAKIA-KSU	.526
7. WIENER, KRISTIN-NIU	.500
8. DELAHOUSAYE, TIERA-WMU	.498

## ASSISTS

	ASSISTS/G
1. RAYMOND, STEPHANIE-NIU	6.48
2. DELAHOUSAYE, TIERA-WMU	6.03
3. ACHTER, KATE-BG	4.71
4. CORBIN, KELSEY-BSU	4.65
5. SCHONE, JENNA-MIA	4.61
6. WARD, QUINTANA-OU	4.59
7. BENNETT, STEPHANIE-UB	4.48
8. GALLERT, KENDRA-EMU	4.31



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# The MAC men: strengths and weaknesses

## TOLEDO

**Record** - 16-11 (12-2)  
**Head Coach** - Stan Joplin  
**Key Players** - Justin Ingram, Florentino Valencia, Keonta Howell.

The Rockets rebounded from a poor out-of-conference showing by reeling off seven victories to start the conference season before eventually losing their first game in Athens to Ohio. Florentino Valencia led the conference in field goal percentage by shooting 65 percent in conference games.

## AKRON

**Record** - 22-6 (11-3)  
**Head Coach** - Keith Dambrot  
**Key Players** - Romeo Travis, Dru Joyce, Jeremiah Wood.

The most statistically dominant team in the league. The Zips finished in the top three of 16 out of 19 statistical categories. Akron's one flaw is free-throw shooting. The Zips finished eleventh out of twelve teams in free-throw shooting at 67.3 percent. They could be dangerous in the NCAA tourney if they make it.

## KENT STATE

**Record** - 19-9 (11-3)  
**Head Coach** - Jim Christian  
**Key Players** - Omni Smith, Haminn Quaintance, Armon Gates.

The Flashes used a strong performance in Durham against the Duke Blue Devils to propel them into a strong conference season. The Flashes were perfect, defending their home court and only lost three away from the MAC Center. They could make some noise at "The Q."

## MIAMI

**Record** - 15-12 (10-4)  
**Head Coach** - Charlie Coles  
**Key Players** - Tim Politz, Michael Bramos, Nathan Peavy

After starting out the conference season 1-2, the RedHawks rebounded by winning eight of their next 10 games. Junior forward Tim Politz was key to the RedHawk resurgence by averaging 18.4 points per game to go along 5.2 rebounds in conference games. The RedHawks are continuing their winning tradition after a conference season last year.

## OHIO

**Record** - 17-11 (8-6)  
**Head Coach** - Tim O'Shea  
**Key Players** - Leon Williams, Jerome Tillman, Sonny Troutman.

The Bobcats feature arguably the best starting lineup in the MAC with all five starters (Leon Williams, Jerome Tillman, Sonny Troutman, Bubba Walther and Whitney Davis) averaging in double figures. The Bobcat flaw is their lack of bench support to go along with their excellent starting five.

## CENTRAL MICHIGAN

**Record** - 12-15 (7-7)  
**Head Coach** - Ernie Zeigler  
**Key Players** - Giordan Watson, Sefton Barrett, Jordan Bitzer.

The bright spot for Central Michigan this season was Giordan Watson. Watson led the Chippewas every step of the way. He finished second in the league in scoring (18.3), fourth in free-throw percentage (83.6) and fourth in assists (4.38). They're the best MAC team — in Michigan.

## WESTERN MICHIGAN

**Record** - 13-15 (7-7)  
**Head Coach** - Steve Hawkins  
**Key Players** - Joe Reitz, Shawntes Gary, David Kool.

The Broncos won three straight games in Mid-January against Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan and Bowling Green to highlight the season, earning Michael Redell MAC West player of the week. Redell averaged 15 points, 7.5 assists and 5 rebounds during the week.

## EASTERN MICHIGAN

**Record** - 11-17 (5-9)  
**Head Coach** - Charles Ramsey  
**Key Players** - Jesse Bunkley, Brandon Bowdry, Carlos Medlock

The Eagles won two of their first three MAC games then lost six of their next eight conference games. Carlos Medlock and Jesse Bunkley lead the way for the Eagles this season by averaging 17 and 11.4 points apiece per game in conference.

## BALL STATE

**Record** - 9-19 (5-9)  
**Head Coach** - Ronny Thompson  
**Key Players** - Skip Mills, Anthony Newell, Peyton Stovall.

It was an up and down season for the Cardinals in Ronny Thompson's first year. They won three out of four games in mid-January including an impressive 12 point victory over the Ohio Bobcats.

## BUFFALO

**Record** - 11-17 (3-11)  
**Head Coach** - Reggie Witherspoon  
**Key Players** - Yassin Id Moore, Parnell Smith

Lost nine of its first eleven conference games before the season's climax against BG. In their game against the Falcons, the Bulls trailed throughout the game but forced overtime and eventually won in overtime after bizarre clock ruling. Yassin Idibihi scored 28 points and added 20 rebounds in the game.

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS

**Record** - 6-21 (3-11)  
**Head Coach** - Rob Judson  
**Key Players** - James Hughes, Mike McKinney, Ryan Paradise

The Huskies won their first conference game against Western Michigan and then proceeded to lose their next eight games. The high point of the Husky season came when NIU knocked off BG and Ohio in successive games in mid-February.

## BOWLING GREEN

**Record** - 12-16 (2-12)  
**Head Coach** - Dan Dakich  
**Key Players** - Martin Samarco, Nate Miller, Erik Marshall

A season mired in inconsistency for the Falcons. After opening up MAC play with a dramatic one point victory over Buffalo that included 43 points from Martin Samarco, the team lost six straight and just could never get on track in conference play. They've shown a lot of promise in certain games but haven't been able to seal the deal against a good team.

## MAC Player of the Year: Romeo Travis, Akron

Travis was the heart and soul of the Akron Zips. He not only brought it on the offensive side with 15 points per game but also on the defensive side by finishing second in the conference with 1.73 blocks per game.

Travis averaged 18 points and eight rebounds over his last six games. Travis' best night of the

season came in his last game at home in which he posted 37 points and eleven rebounds on senior night against BG.

Travis is one of the better prospects for the NBA Draft in the MAC.

He and Akron teammate Dru Joyce played high school basketball with NBA Icon Lebron

James.

Travis' career has been impressive. He broke the 1,000-point barrier last season and led the team in points, rebounds and field goal percentage. The Akron native hopes to elevate his game in the MAC Tournament because Toledo, Kent, Miami and Ohio are all playing well this season.

## MAC Coach of the Year: Stan Joplin

Faced with tragedy before their season even started, the Rockets were not the best team in the MAC, especially when it came to their size. They worked around it though.

Joplin instilled his pressure defense. The team does not utilize a player that is over 6-foot-7-inches tall.

Toledo is in possession of the No. 1 seed in the tournament heading into their final games.

For a coach who looked to be on the way out toward the end of last season, Joplin is in good shape.

Doubters are a lot less common for Toledo now. They control their destiny and their coach has plenty to do with that.

Look for them to at least make the semifinals at the "Q" next week.



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### OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: GIORDAN WATSON (CENTRAL MICHIGAN)



Watson finished the season second in the conference in scoring by posting 18.3 points per game. Watson reached the 20 point plateau ten times and scored 30 points twice this season. He also finished in the top ten of five other statistical categories — fourth in free throw percentage (82.5), fifth in assists (4.33), sixth in steals (1.63), eighth in assist/turnover ratio (1.16) and ninth in three point field goals per game (2).

### DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: SONNY TROUTMAN (OHIO UNIVERSITY)



Troutman lead the league in steals averaging 2.43 steals per game. Troutman had two or more steals in 19 games this season including eight games in which he posted four or more steals. There were only four games this season in which Troutman did not record a single steal.

### SIXTH MAN OF THE YEAR: OMNI SMITH (KENT STATE)



Smith was the spark off the Kent State bench for most of the season. Smith averaged 14.2 points per game this season to go along with 3.65 assists and 2.5 rebounds. Smith is arguably the Flashes' best player and is the only player on the team who averages over 30 minutes a game, so even though he comes off the bench, he does not stay on it for very long.

### FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: DAVID KOOL (WESTERN MICHIGAN)



Kool lead the league in free-throw percentage by making 67 of his 72 free-throws for a percentage of 93.1. Kool also finished third in 3-point percentage by connecting on 33 of his 75 3-pointers. Kool posted double figure scoring in 10 games this season and twice reached the 20-point mark.

### SURPRISE OF THE YEAR: BG VS. BUFFALO



This isn't really a surprise — it was actually more like the black eye of the year for the conference.

When BG decided to run off the court after Buffalo missed what appeared to be the deciding shot, officials charged them with a technical foul.

They did not charge Buffalo coach Reggie "the scorekeeper" Witherspoon (right) with a foul however when he decided to ring the buzzer three times to argue that there was time on the clock still.

Buffalo won in overtime and the rest is history. BG is in last place and Buffalo is in second-to-last place. Big deal right?

Not so much in the standings, but this makes the MAC look like the inferior league that people seem to treat it as. All parties are at fault here and it reflected badly on the conference by being one of the only highlights on national TV for the MAC.

-Colin Wilson, Assistant Sports Editor

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## ALL-MAC EAST



**G - Martin Samarco, Bowling Green**  
Lead the league in scoring by posting 19.8 points per game.



**G - Omni Smith, Kent State**  
Averaged 14.2 points per game with two 30 point games.



**C - Yassin Idbihi, Buffalo**  
Lead the league in rebounding at 9.6 per game to go along with 15.8 points.



**F - Leon Williams, Ohio**  
Finished second in the league in rebounds (9.3) and third in FG percentage (60.4).



**F - Romeo Travis, Akron**  
Finished second in the league with 1.73 blocks per game to go along with 15 points.



**Honorable Mention - Jerome Tillman, Ohio**  
15.4 points and 8.4 rebounds for the Sophomore.



## ALL MAC WEST



**G - Giordan Watson, Central Michigan**  
Finished second in the league in scoring at over 18 points per game.



**G - David Kool, Western Michigan**  
His 93.1 free throw percentage was best in the league.



**C - Joe Reitz, Western Michigan**  
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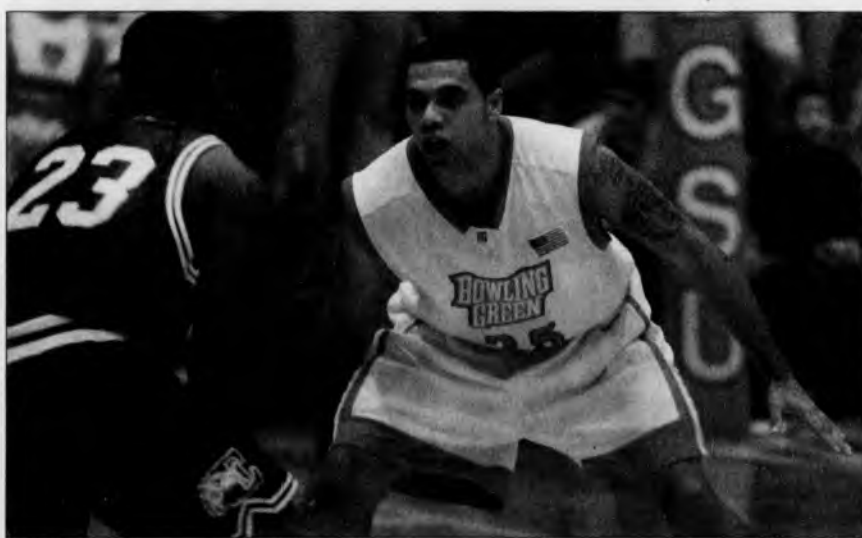
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# The MAC men: strengths and weaknesses



**BILL BORDEWICK**  
REPORTER

## TOLEDO

**Record** - 10-10 (5-9)  
**Head Coach** - Mike Smith  
**Key Players** - Josh Ingram, Tim Smith, Jason Brown, Kaleb Marshall

The Rockets rebounded from a poor out of conference showing by reeling off seven victories to start the conference season before eventually losing their first game in Athens to Ohio. Lorenzo Valencia led the conference in field goal percentage by shooting 63 percent in conference games.

## AKRON

**Record** - 10-10 (5-9)  
**Head Coach** - Scott Skiles  
**Key Players** - Michael Brown, Dru Joyce, Brandon Young

The most statistically dominant team in the league. The Zips finished in the top three of 19 statistical categories. Akron's one flaw is free-throw shooting. The Zips finished eleventh out of twelve teams in free-throw shooting at 67.3 percent. They could be dangerous in the NCAA tourney if they make it.

## KENT STATE

**Record** - 19-9 (11-3)  
**Head Coach** - Jim Christian  
**Key Players** - Omni Smith, Harrison Quaintance, Anthony Gates

The Flashes used a strong performance in Durham against the Duke Blue Devils to propel them into a strong conference season. The Flashes were perfect defending their home court and only lost three away from the MAC Center. They could make some noise at "The Q."

## MIAMI

**Record** - 18-12 (10-4)  
**Head Coach** - Charlie Coles  
**Key Players** - Tim Politz, Michael Brown, Nathan Peasey

After starting out the conference season 1-2, the RedHawks rebounded by winning eight of their next 10 games. Junior forward Tim Politz was key to the RedHawk resurgence by averaging 18.4 points per game to go along 5.2 rebounds in conference games. The RedHawks are continuing their winning tradition after a conference season last year.

## OHIO

**Record** - 17-11 (8-6)  
**Head Coach** - Tim O'Shea  
**Key Players** - Leon Williams, Jeremie Tillman, Sonny Troutman

The Bobcats feature arguably the best starting lineup in the MAC with all five starters (Leon Williams, Jeremie Tillman, Sonny Troutman, Bubba Walther and Whitney Davis) averaging in double figures. The Bobcat flaw is their lack of bench support to go along with their excellent starting five.

## CENTRAL MICHIGAN

**Record** - 12-15 (7-7)  
**Head Coach** - Ernie Ziegler  
**Key Players** - Jordan Watson, Sefton Barrett, Jordan Bitzer

The bright spot for Central Michigan this season was Jordan Watson. Watson led the Chippewas every step of the way. He finished second in the league in scoring (18.3), fourth in free-throw percentage (83.6) and fourth in assists (4.38). They're the best MAC team — in Michigan.

## WESTERN MICHIGAN

**Record** - 13-15 (7-7)  
**Head Coach** - Steve Hawkins  
**Key Players** - Joe Reitz, Shawntes Gary, David Kool

The Broncos won three straight games in Mid-January against Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan and Bowling Green to highlight the season, earning Michael Redell MAC West player of the week. Redell averaged 15 points, 7.5 assists and 5 rebounds during the week.

## EASTERN MICHIGAN

**Record** - 11-17 (5-9)  
**Head Coach** - Charles Ramsey  
**Key Players** - Jesse Bunkley, Brandon Bowdry, Carlos Medlock

The Eagles won two of their first three MAC games then lost six of their next eight conference games. Carlos Medlock and Jesse Bunkley lead the way for the Eagles this season by averaging 17 and 11.4 points apiece per game in conference.

## BALL STATE

**Record** - 9-19 (5-9)  
**Head Coach** - Ronny Thompson  
**Key Players** - Skip Mills, Anthony Newell, Peyton Stovall

It was an up and down season for the Cardinals in Ronny Thompson's first year. They won three out of four games in mid-January including an impressive 12 point victory over the Ohio Bobcats.

## BUFFALO

**Record** - 11-17 (3-11)  
**Head Coach** - Reggie Witherspoon  
**Key Players** - Yassin Idbihi, Moore, Parnell Smith

Lost nine of its first eleven conference games before the season's climax against BG. In their game against the Falcons, the Bulls trailed throughout the game but forced overtime and eventually won in overtime after bizarre clock ruling. Yassin Idbihi scored 28 points and added 20 rebounds in the game.

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS

**Record** - 6-21 (3-11)  
**Head Coach** - Rob Judson  
**Key Players** - James Hughes, Mike McKinney, Ryan Paradise

The Huskies won their first conference game against Western Michigan and then proceeded to lose their next eight games. The high point of the Husky season came when NIU knocked off BG and Ohio in successive games in mid-February.

## BOWLING GREEN

**Record** - 12-16 (2-12)  
**Head Coach** - Dan Dakich  
**Key Players** - Martin Samarco, Nate Miller, Erik Marschall

A season mired in inconsistency for the Falcons. After opening up MAC play with a dramatic one point victory over Buffalo that included 43 points from Martin Samarco, the team lost six straight and just could never get on track in conference play. They've shown a lot of promise in certain games but haven't been able to seal the deal against a good team.

## MAC Player of the Year: Romeo Travis, Akron

Travis was the heart and soul of the Akron Zips. He not only brought it on the offensive side with 15 points per game but also on the defensive side by finishing second in the conference with 1.73 blocks per game.

Travis averaged 18 points and eight rebounds over his last six games. Travis' best night of the

season came in his last game at home in which he posted 37 points and eleven rebounds on senior night against BG.

Travis is one of the better prospects for the NBA Draft in the MAC.

He and Akron teammate Dru Joyce played high school basketball with NBA Icon LeBron

James.

Travis' career has been impressive. He broke the 1,000-point barrier last season and led the team in points, rebounds and field goal percentage. The Akron native hopes to elevate his game in the MAC Tournament because Toledo, Kent, Miami and Ohio are all playing well this season.



PAUL TOPPE - AP/WIDEWORLD

**SLAMMIN'** Romeo Travis seemed like a man among boys some days in MAC play. In his most recent game against BG he scored 37.

## MAC Coach of the Year: Stan Joplin

Faced with tragedy before their season even started, the Rockets were not the best team in the MAC, especially when it came to their size. They worked around it though.

Joplin instilled his pressure defense. The team does not utilize a player that is over 6-foot-7-inches tall.

Toledo is in possession of the No. 1 seed in the tournament heading into their final games.

For a coach who looked to be on the way out toward the end of last season, Joplin is in good shape.

Doubters are a lot less common for Toledo now. They control their destiny and their coach has plenty to do with that.

Look for them to at least make the semifinals at the "Q" next week.



**Stan Joplin**  
Head coach,  
University of  
Toledo men's  
basketball.

## And the winners are... the best of the rest

### OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: GIORDAN WATSON (CENTRAL MICHIGAN)



Watson finished the season second in the conference in scoring by posting 18.3 points per game. Watson reached the 20 point plateau ten times and scored 30 points twice this season. He also finished in the top ten of five other statistical categories — fourth in free throw percentage (82.5), fifth in assists (4.33), sixth in steals (1.63), eighth in assist/turnover ratio (1.16) and ninth in three point field goals per game (2).

### DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: SONNY TROUTMAN (OHIO UNIVERSITY)



Troutman lead the league in steals averaging 2.43 steals per game. Troutman had two or more steals in 19 games this season including eight games in which he posted four or more steals. There were only four games this season in which Troutman did not record a single steal.

### SIXTH MAN OF THE YEAR: OMNI SMITH (KENT STATE)



Smith was the spark off the Kent State bench for most of the season. Smith averaged 14.2 points per game this season to go along with 3.65 assists and 2.5 rebounds. Smith is arguably the Flashes' best player and is the only player on the team who averages over 30 minutes a game, so even though he comes off the bench, he does not stay on it for very long.

### FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: DAVID KOOL (WESTERN MICHIGAN)



Kool lead the league in free-throw percentage by making 67 of his 72 free-throws for a percentage of 93.1. Kool also finished third in 3-point percentage by connecting on 33 of his 75 3-pointers. Kool posted double figure scoring in 10 games this season and twice reached the 20-point mark.

### SURPRISE OF THE YEAR: BG VS. BUFFALO



This isn't really a surprise — it was actually more like the black eye of the year for the conference.

When BG decided to run off the court after Buffalo missed what appeared to be the deciding shot, officials charged them with a technical foul.

They did not charge Buffalo coach Reggie "the scorekeeper" Witherspoon (right) with a foul however when he decided to ring the buzzer three times to argue that there was time on the clock still.

Buffalo won in overtime and the rest is history. BG is in last place and Buffalo is in second-to-last place. Big deal right?

Not so much in the standings, but this makes the MAC look like the inferior league that people seem to treat it as. All parties are at fault here and it reflected badly on the conference by being one of the only highlights on national TV for the MAC.

-Colin Wilson, Assistant Sports Editor

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Finished second in the league in rebounds (9.3) and third in FG percentage (60.4).



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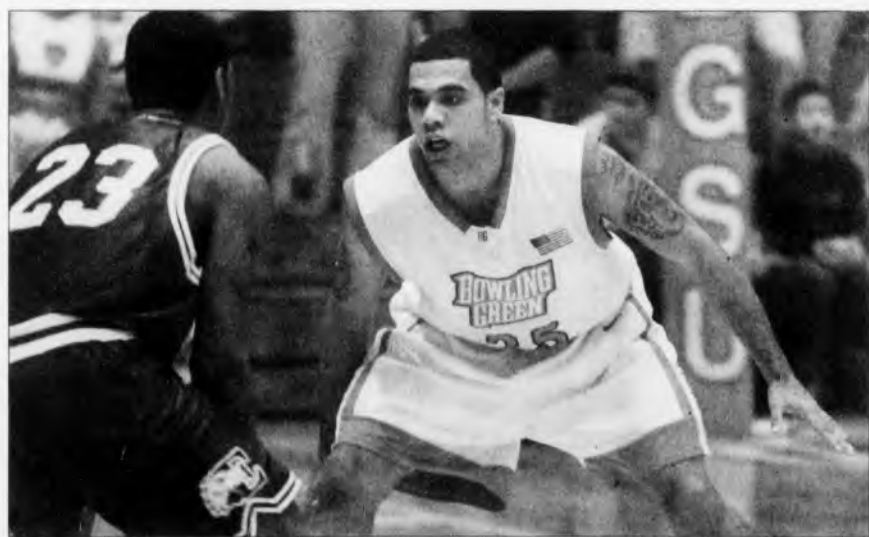
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# How do we think the men's side will unfold? Just like this...

## THE MEN



## Kent State: been there, done that, will do it again this season



**BILL BORDEWICK**  
REPORTER

MAC Madness in Cleveland is almost here and this year all twelve MAC schools will be joining in on the festivities.

With every conference tournament, there needs to be a winner and this space is dedicated to those who can legitimately win the tournament and those who will probably not need to pack much more than an overnight bag.

Let's start with the teams who are probably going to be visiting Cleveland for only one day.

The first two teams up are Northern Illinois and Buffalo...OK, well, let's just move on. These two teams aren't going anywhere and should be happy they were even invited to Cleveland.

I would say that Eastern Michigan and Ball State would be potential candidates to be eliminated right away but these two teams are slotted to play each other, so someone has to win. I'm sorry to everyone at Quicken Loans Arena who has to witness this game.

The most intriguing team of the first round is the Bowling Green

Falcons. The Falcons could possibly make some noise in the tournament if they can avoid playing the Ohio Bobcats who they are currently slotted to play.

The Bobcats beat the Falcons by an average of 21.5 points in two games this season. It is apparent that BG does match up very well against Ohio's physical inside presence. If they play the Bobcats in the first round, the Falcons might be coming home early.

There are four teams — Miami, Ohio, Western Michigan and Central Michigan — that could make some noise if they get hot.

Miami currently has the fourth seed and that means they have the fourth first-round bye. They will have the advantage in the game against the Bobcats if it comes to that.

The Bobcats have had success in the MAC tournament in recent years (winning the tournament in 2005) and they have the best starting five in the MAC.

Central Michigan will play Kent State in the second round. Kent State is the better team but Central Michigan features the best player in the game, Giordan Watson. If Watson gets hot for four days, Central could surprise



# How do we think the women's side will unfold? Just like this...

## THE WOMEN



## BG is too mentally tough, experienced and just plain good



COLIN WILSON  
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

I understand that if I were to pick someone other than BG to win this tournament, I'd be burned at the stake and/or tarred and feathered in front of the metamorphosis orphice on campus. That's not why I picked BG though.

I picked BG because they've been there. They've been there every year actually. There is not one non-freshman on that team who hasn't been there.

Every player on BG has played in the MAC Championship at least once.

That starts with the senior class of course. Ali Mann, Liz Honegger, Carin Horne, Megan Thorburn and Amber Flynn played in the game as freshmen.

They lost to Eastern Michigan that year. Apparently they did not enjoy that loss because since that game, BG has not lost a game in the conference tournament and has only lost three games in the conference overall.

Eastern Michigan set this team off and BG showed them that next

year. When the two teams faced off in the 2005 semi-final game, BG beat the Eagles by 20, even though they had already lost twice to them earlier in the season.

When I look at how much this team has accomplished over the past few years, I have to be impressed.

The first round of the tournament has a few solid match-ups. Toledo and Miami should be a slugfest. Amanda Jackson is a great scorer and Jenna Shone is a solid point. They'll have a nice intriguing counter-attack against the inside trio of Riendl, Bishop and Werner for Toledo. Miami is more likely to win although UT did go to the semifinals last season with a few upsets.

The second round has two really good matchups, the first being NIU facing Kent State. That will be a battle of post players with Kristin Wiener of NIU and La'Kia Stewart of Kent. I just like Kent's postseason resume too much though.

The second matchup is Eastern Michigan vs. Ohio. Eastern really choked last season. They blew a huge lead against the Flashes and it was the end of their season and the end of standout Ryan Coleman's career.

Ohio, on the other hand, has come to play in big games this

season. They beat BG and Ball State on the road. They did lose to Buffalo recently though, countering my previous statement.

This game features some great players though.

BG should move past Western easily, but Ohio will give them a game in the second round. Less than a week ago, the Bobcats ended the Falcons' 29-game winning streak at Anderson Arena. They were the first MAC loss for the Falcons in 39 games.

Honestly, BG should beat OU. They aren't the best contender, but they have played BG tough and could be the next great team in the MAC.

Kent State is a tough defense, but I think Ball State is too versatile for them. I see the Cardinals pulling away at halftime in the other semi-final.

The matchup of the two No. 1 seeds will be a good one. Ball State came to Anderson Arena earlier in the season and played well. The Cardinals have five scorers that could give a team fits if they shoot well.

In all honesty though, BG is too tough on both sides of the ball to lose to anyone while playing their 'A' game.

This senior class just wants to win way too much. I think they go out on top.



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**STANDING OVATION:** (From left to right) Amber Flynn, Carin Horne, Megan Thorburn, Lindsey Goldsberry and Liz Honegger celebrate another BG win at Anderson Arena. The Falcons are 15-1 heading into the conference tourney.

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## SAFETY

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Obviously, the problem behind the safety issues is not due to a lack of responsibility by the shuttle services, but because of their classification as an auxiliary service, which leads to a lack of funding from the University that could be used to restore and maintain the buses.

What I propose is that the University recognizes that their student's safety is put at risk by having to stand when a bus is broken down or being maintained.

The shuttle service needs to become a program that will be funded by the tuition of the students. I am not suggesting that we up the tuition, but simply take the funding from some other program, such as USG,

that does not affect or play an important role in the lives of University students.

According to Smith, who has worked with the shuttle service since 1988, a year after it began running on campus, "63 people ride the bus in an hour." Isn't it common sense based on that number alone that our shuttle service affects the lives of many of our students on a daily basis?

The shuttle service deserves to have enough funding to keep its buses maintained and running before our perfect track record is left in the dust forever.

Send comments to Kristen Vasas at [kristev@bgsu.edu](mailto:kristev@bgsu.edu).

## SCHOOLS

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private schools mirror the public school system academically and suffer from the same problems.

The problems with the public education system are not ones that we should overlook, and I commend Brendan for

asking the "tough questions." I trust that Brendan and others realize that concerned parents do not have the option of waiting for someone else (i.e., the government) to fix these problems, as our children will have "graduated" by then.

While some "do-it-yourselfers" are unqualified, most of us know what we are doing and have valid reasons for

doing it. Some might question why we chose to go "off the grid" of public education, but our children will undoubtedly benefit from our investment of time and resources in their education.

Gary Nonnemacher, Instructor, Mathematics/Statistics Department, [gnonne@bgsu.edu](mailto:gnonne@bgsu.edu)

## FILM

From Page 4

diversity that the University often likes to portray. Instead I would feel singled out and uninvited in a place where I would live nine months out of the year.

Ultimately, the film depicted

two young men who experience a hate crime in their residence hall under the false impression that they were homosexual.

This film in effect can also be taken as a hate crime directed towards the University's gay community. Showing this film online could potentially invoke more hate and animosity

towards a group that deserves respect from society.

Perhaps the fact the film experienced technical difficulties before its airing was a sign that the film should never have been aired at all.

Brian Metzger, Sophomore, Creative Writing, [brmetz@bgsu.edu](mailto:brmetz@bgsu.edu)

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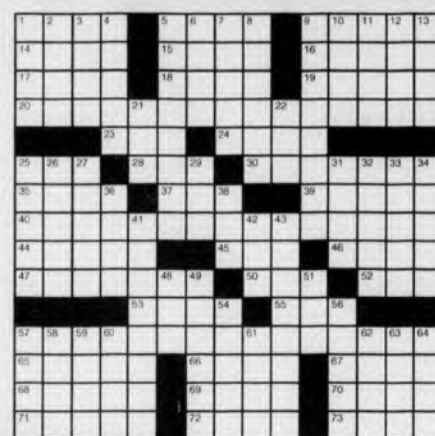
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- 1 Pare
- 5 Catchall label abbr.
- 9 Inner circle
- 14 Kenny Rogers hit
- 15 Reversed figure
- 16 Regions
- 17 Manipulator
- 18 Slide sideways
- 19 After-bath powders
- 20 Start of Louis Aragon quote
- 23 Top limit
- 24 Declare
- 25 Lowly mil. rank
- 28 Kind of carpet or herring
- 30 Highest mountain
- 35 Cowardly Lion player
- 37 Fish story
- 39 Mathematical relationship
- 40 Part 2 of quote
- 44 Vexation
- 45 Haggard novel
- 46 Wise person

- 47 Like a zebra
- 50 Anne de Beaupre
- 52 Homer's neighbor
- 53 Citrus quenchers
- 55 Legal thing
- 57 End of quote
- 65 Soup server
- 66 Brainy inspiration
- 67 Part of U.A.E.
- 68 Wanted poster word
- 69 Ripened
- 70 Knights
- 71 Type of pasta
- 72 Discount word
- 73 Beatles film

- 1 Sink stopper
- 2 Relaxation
- 3 Churchill's successor
- 4 Like sonnets and odes
- 5 Write a wrong?
- 6 Like a couch potato
- 7 The March King
- 8 Split in two
- 9 Party workers
- 10 Asian sea
- 11 Sandwich shop
- 12 Pool-table adjunct
- 13 Latin being
- 21 Egt.-Syr., once
- 22 RPM word
- 25 Drops heavily
- 26 Gem surface
- 27 Mirth
- 29 Half of MIV
- 31 Squealers
- 32 One of the Coen brothers
- 33 Blockade
- 34 Trifled
- 36 Sitar star Shankar
- 38 Tennis doubles?
- 41 From Katmandu
- 42 Expressions of uncer-

- tainty
- 43 Reconditioned tires
- 48 Announcer Hall
- 49 Repudiation
- 51 Always, to a poet
- 54 Marsh plant
- 56 Batter
- 57 Smacking blow
- 58 Hearty's partner
- 59 Thor's father
- 60 Bator, Mongolia
- 61 Victory signs
- 62 Sal's canal
- 63 Jurist Warren
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